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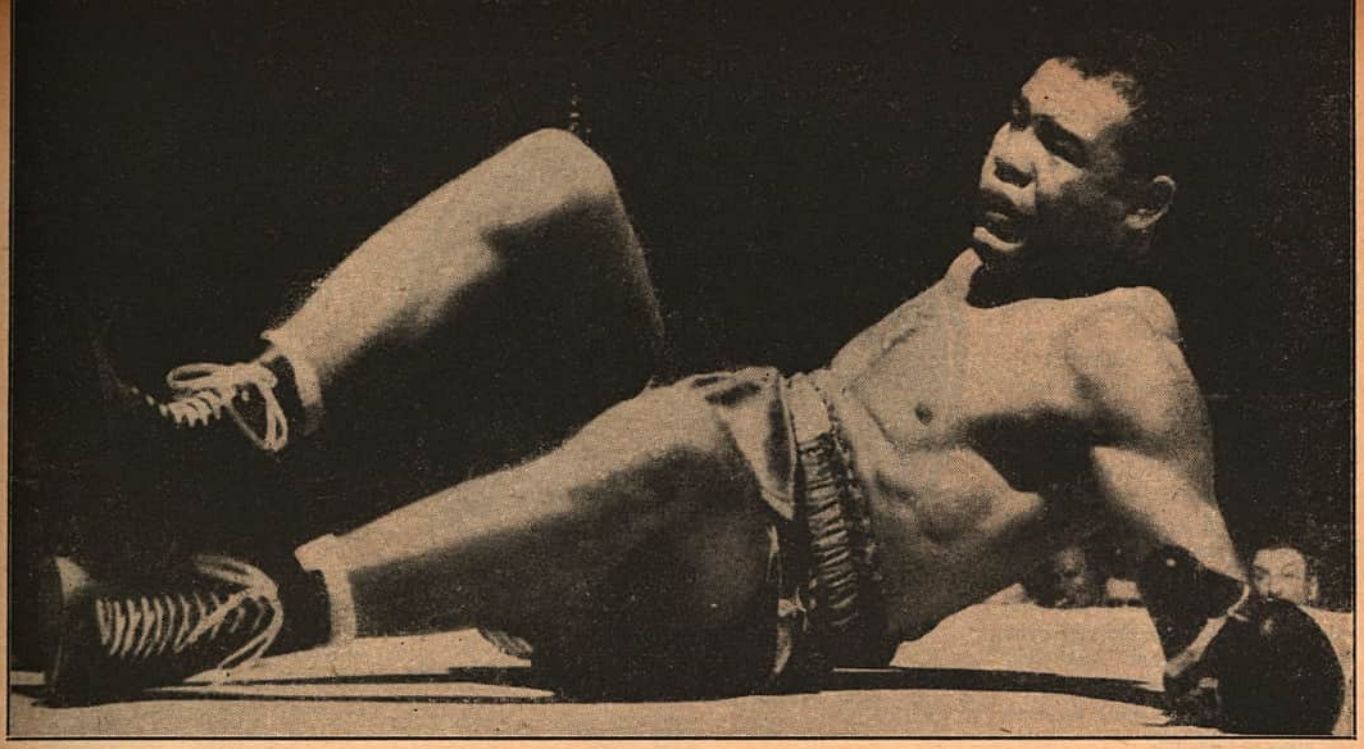

Here is the Walcott knockdown of Louis in the fourth round last December. Is this picture prophetic?

CAN JOE WALCOTT *at* 35 EMULATE FITZSIMMONS?

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

WHEN, on the night of June 23, in Yankee Stadium, Joe Louis defends the world's heavyweight championship against Jersey Joe Walcott, there will be only a slight disparity in ages. And, oddly enough, it will favor the title holder, even after a championship tenure of eleven years.

Invariably, the man who challenges a champion of long standing is much the younger competitor. However, in this case, Walcott will be 35, and Louis will have passed his thirty-fourth birthday on May 13.

Of course, this does not disqualify Jersey Joe, by any means. In themselves, ages sometimes mean very little, if anything, in fistic considerations. It's physical condition which is paramount, and it very well may be that when Louis and Walcott square off for the second time, Jersey Joe will have the physical edge despite his being slightly the older fighter.

However, the matter of ages must be given acute consideration, nevertheless. In Walcott's case, there is an involvement. He will be 35 by the calendar, but 32 by his fistic record.

This oddity is explained with the fact that for three years during the war, Walcott was out of the ring. With a numerous family to support, and draft considerations entering into the picture, Walcott took an essential job in a Camden, N. J., shipyard. In fact, he was disposed to stick with his work and quit on boxing, which had not been too kind to him, and had not kept his family in too luxurious surroundings.

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EVENTUALLY, Walcott was persuaded to give the ring another try, and you know what developed. Out of nowhere at all came the Camden Negro to win a title shot which ordinarily would have gone to Joe Baksi. Had Baksi returned to this country after his knockout of Bruce Woodcock in England last summer, Baksi would have been sent against Louis in December, and Walcott today still would be down somewhere in the ratings contending with Elmer Ray and such for a little spot in the sun.

But the rock-headed Baksi, who knew it all, would not let well enough alone. He went to Stockholm and took a split-decision setback from Olle Tandberg. Those of us who have seen Tandberg since, particularly in his silly showing against Joey Maxim in New York's Garden, will continue to wonder how Baksi possibly could have allowed the Swede to lay a heavy glove on him, let alone decision him.

In any event, with Baksi beaten by Olle, a Louis match for Baksi was out of the question, and the 20th Century S. C. had to grab an interim opponent for Louis, pending the rebuilding of Baksi, who by that time had larded himself up to something like 260 pounds.

Well do we remember the general reaction when Walcott, with his lacklustre record, was matched with Louis.

However, why go into that again? Walcott not only refused to be belted out in three heats, as had been predicted by the ring cognoscenti, but came very close to giving a slow, badly conditioned, not too mobile Louis, a real beating.

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BY the rules of the New York Boxing Commission, Walcott did not win that fight. He could have taken the title if he had not been ill advised, and if he had pressed his advantage in the final rounds, instead of running away.

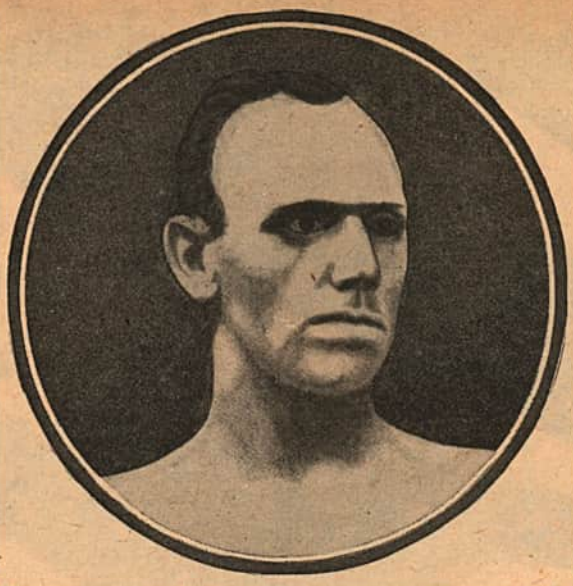
Walcott, of course, continues to insist that he won. He will go into the ring on June 23 with the thought, in his mind, that he is the unofficial defender and not really the challenger.

The value of this psychology is vital. Walcott has gone 15 rounds with Louis, a feat in itself, and especially noteworthy because Louis twice hit the canvas.

Louis says that he trained the wrong way for Walcott, that his legs did not respond. But he also admits that he had a close call, and he is sure he can take steps to preclude too hazardous an adventure on June 23. However, it is a question if, even against a challenger at 35, Louis will be able to rekindle the championship spark.

Precisely how old Walcott really is could be arrived at by some industrious digging into vital statistics at Camden, N. J. There are some who insist that Jersey Joe is even older than 35.

But, 35 let it be. In the light of heavyweight championship records, what is the status of a 35 year old challenger? And what is the total value of this 35 year old when you figure that no second shot challenger yet has looked good against Louis. Ask Billy Conn, for one. Or Max Schmeling.



Bob Fitzsimmons, who was 35 when he landed the solar plexus punch on Jim Corbett.

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THE man of 35 who aspires to a world's heavyweight championship undertakes a tremendous task. In the entire history of glove fighting, since John L. Sullivan wrested the title from Paddy Ryan in 1882, only one man has gained the title at the age of 35, and he was the freakish Bob Fitzsimmons.

The big torsoed, spindly legged, freckled Cornishman was born June 4, 1862. Thus, when Fitzsimmons took the title from Jim Corbett, with the much publicized solar plexus punch at Carson City, Nevada, on March 17, 1897, Bob was some three months past his thirty-fifth birthday.

Fitzsimmons, of course, was a far greater fighter than Jersey Joe Walcott ever could hope to be. Bob was a crafty, tricky, masterful boxer. And he could hit with terrific power.

Fitz had been a blacksmith—had worked at it, too. He had developed the body of a heavyweight above the waist. Below the belt, Ruby Robert was just a welterweight.

When Corbett defended his title against Fitz, Jim was four years younger than his challenger. Corbett, who was born on September 1, 1866, was only 26 years of age when he took the championship by knocking out the fat and pussy John L. Sullivan at New Orleans on September 7, 1892.

The onetime Boston Strong Boy was 34 by the calendar and 44 by the schedule of free and easy living and heavy drinking he had pursued for many years.

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WE all know that once a man has lost the heavyweight championship of the world, he has not been able to regain it. This could have some bearing on the Walcott quest, even though the title analogy isn't there.

Walcott's effort does remind me of Corbett's attempt to recover the title from Jeffries, on May 11, 1901, at Coney Island.

Corbett was 34 years of age. He had been out of the ring for two years, and had conducted a saloon at 34th Street and Sixth Avenue in New York, on the site of the Sachs department store.

Corbett was making money, he liked the easy life, he had no hankering for the ring again. Training was very irksome.

After his 1897 loss of the title to Fitz, he had suffered a ninth round setback on a foul from Tom Sharkey in New York, and then had announced his retirement.

However, the lure of the title proved too strong. And, of course, the lure of the cash.

Corbett figured that with some intensive training he could bring himself back into championship condition. Yes, at 34.

Jeffries was a terrific hitter but not the most mobile boxer of our list of heavyweight kings. His crouching, lumbering, at times awkward, at times surprisingly adroit style, for brief spurts, appeared to present no problem to Gentleman Jim except that of staying quality.

The distance was not the 15 rounds and 45 minutes of action of the June 23 fight between the two Joes, but 25 rounds, and one hour and a quarter.

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FOR Corbett, the contest involved the necessity of staying the limit, and piling up the points.

For Jeffries, the affair involved the necessity of scoring a knockout. If he permitted Corbett to last, it was a certainty that the former San Francisco bank clerk would take the title on points.

Corbett, at 34, proved a revelation. In the current 15-round limit he would have won the title by a three to one margin.

After 22 rounds, Corbett had the decision by a comfortable advantage. But those 34 years were giving Jim plenty of grief. His legs were quitting on him.

In the twenty-third round, with the title in his grasp, Corbett, his knees buckling and his calves aching, could not get out of the way of the quietus. Jeff landed, Jim of the pompadour went down, and that was that. Thirty-four years had failed against 25.

It is interesting to note that after having gained the championship at the age of 35, Fitzsimmons could not keep it. He waited two years to defend the title—two years in which the Cornishman went on the stage and cleaned up, as cleaning up went in those days.

In 1899, when Fitz finally defended the championship, the 24 year old Jeffries stopped the 37 year old Ruby Robert in the eleventh, at Coney Island. That disparity in years left Fitz at Jeff's mercy.

Jimmy Braddock, like Walcott a Cinderella Man, was 30 when he wrested the title from Max Baer.

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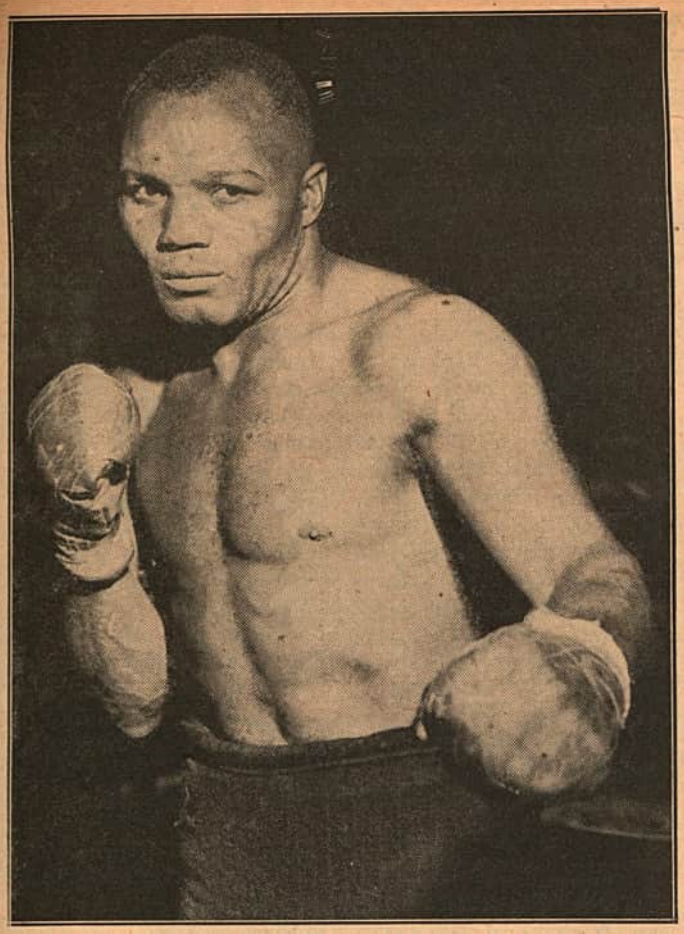
THE second oldest fighter of the Sullivan to Louis era to gain the title was the ponderous Jess Willard. The Kansas giant was 32 when he took the championship from Jack Johnson at Havana in 26 rounds in 1915.

There always will be a lot of debate about that affair. There are many experts, a lot of them spectators that April day in Cuba, who will go on insisting that the event was a fake.

There are many who will agree that the contest was not decided on its merits because Jack refused to train, and then went as far as he could at the age of 37, with the United States barred to him. And there are many who will tell you



Jersey Joe Walcott, who will try to sneer at Father Time when he faces Louis.

that Johnson was washed up and was worn down by the bigger and heavier Willard.

Be all that as it may, taking the fight as it is entered in the records—32 year old Willard beat 37 year old Johnson, and killed off the White Hope Era.

Johnson was 30 when he stepped into the title limelight by whipping Tommy Burns.

Johnson was 32 years old when he straightened out the legal tangle involving his right to the title by knocking out Jeffries at Reno, in 15 rounds, in 1910.

Another 30 year old title winner was Jimmy Braddock, the Cinderella Man, who outpointed Max Baer in 15 heats in 1935.

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THOSE who predict Walcott's success on June 23 say there are many points of analogy between Jersey Joe and the Braddock who whipped Baer.

They point out the financial similarities of the two cases, the fact that Max entered the ring a 10 to 1 shot and took a thorough beating from a desperate, determined and clever fighter who, though he was four years older than Baer, was ten years younger in condition.

Braddock had been forced into a somewhat ascetic life—just low grade meat and potatoes, without frills—by his meagre exchequer. Baer had hit the lighted trail along Broadway, with forays into Park Avenue. Braddock had the stamina, Baer the punch he could not land.

The great, legendary John L. Sullivan was 24 when he whipped Paddy Ryan in nine rounds at Mississippi City, Miss.

However, Joe Louis was a year younger—in fact, the youngest title winner on record—when he knocked out Braddock in Chicago in eight rounds on June 22, 1937.

Note, please, you who believe in astrology or the zodiac or some such.

Louis knocked out Braddock on June 22.

Louis stopped Max Schmeling, almost killed the German, on June 22.

Louis knocked out Arturo Godoy on June 20.

Louis knocked out Billy Conn on June 18.

Louis meets Jersey Joe Walcott on June 23.

There evidently is something in this late June air for Joe Louis.

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WHEN Corbett whipped Sullivan at 26 he was regarded as something of a prodigy as championship ages go. In the old days it took longer than it does now for a real title winner to hatch.

The great Jack Dempsey was only 24 when he belted Willard loose from his teeth and his trunks at Toledo in 1919.

Gene Tunney was 27 when he beat Dempsey. Gene might have made it at a younger age if he had not given a few years to the Marines in the first world war.

Then again, if Gene had not been with the Marines, he might not have become a title contender at all.

Max Schmeling, who whipped Jack Sharkey on a foul and became Tunney's successor, was 25 years of age at that time.

Sharkey was 30 and Max 27 when the American took the title away from the Teuton, 15 rounds, on points.

Primo Carnera, the freak of freaks, who may, and then again, may not have gained his title on the level, was 25 when he stopped the 31 year old Sharkey in six rounds in 1933.

Baer was 25 when he won the title from the prognathous Italian in eleven rounds in 1934.

It is not the intention of this essay to build up the thesis that, at 35, Walcott faces a task beyond his abilities.

It would be silly to insist that the calendar can whip a determined, well conditioned man with a bright incentive.

But ages present facts, and facts are things you cannot ignore even in so unpredictable a game as boxing.

Is Walcott to be another Fitzsimmons? Or is he making his bid too late?

Walcott has given the fight

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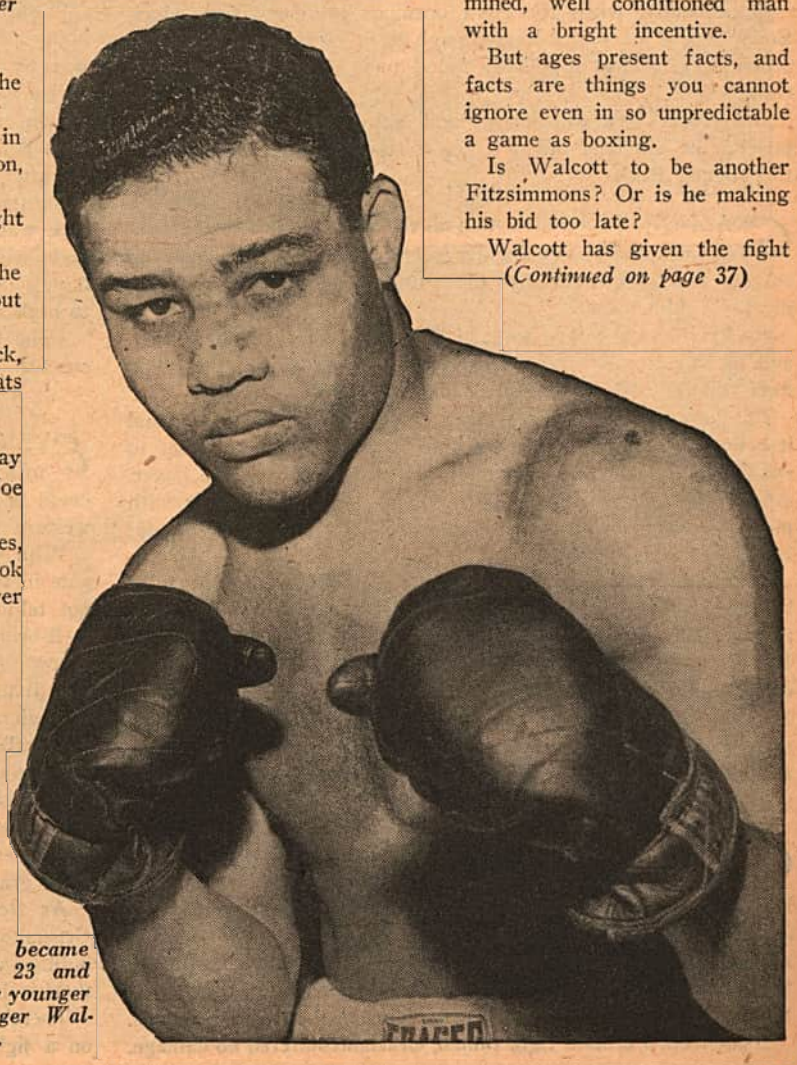

Joe Louis became champion at 23 and will be a year younger than challenger Walcott.

ROCKY READY *for* TONY

After Nine Months' Ring Layoff, Graziano Needed Battle With Sonny Horne to Fit Him for Rubber Meeting With Zale

By JERSEY JONES

ULINE ARENA, Washington, D.C.—From a strictly technical standpoint, Rocky Graziano's performance against the veteran George (Sonny) Horne left much to be desired.

Rocky not only was unable to knock Horne out, but at no time was Sonny even in distress, and at the finish of the tenth round Graziano's margin of victory was slight, indeed.

But, as the saying goes, there were extenuating circumstances.

It was the Rock-a-Bye Kid's first official outing with the gloves in nine months—since he wrestled the world middleweight title from Tony Zale in the sweltering mid-summer heat of the Chicago Stadium.

For another thing, Graziano was up against a smart, experienced campaigner who, once before in Madison Square Garden, had gone the ten-round route with him, and boasted just the style to bother The Rock.

A constantly moving target, particularly when it is supported by something more than average boxing ability and ring generalship, figures to annoy a lunging, swinging slugger of Graziano's calibre.

Horne fought a cool, calculating battle, bouncing around on his toes, moving in, out and around the champion, jabbing and circling and retreating, and tying Graziano up in close quarters.

Occasionally, when the right openings presented themselves, Sonny would stand still long enough to fire left hooks and right crosses that almost invariably found their marks on Graziano's chin.

But Horne is a notoriously light hitter, and what few solid punches he did land failed to leave much of an impression on the rugged Rock.

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GRAZIANO forced the action all the way, and one of the most significant features of his performance was the unusual success that greeted his use of a straight left, a new development for him.

Rocky is not the type to earn blue ribbons for fancy boxing, and an effective left jab had previously been among the many finer things he didn't include in his fistic equipment.

But he came up with a mighty good one against Horne, and it collected a lot of points for him. It was strange at times to see Graziano, the slugger, actually outjabbing Horne, the boxer. And they weren't light jabs, either. They shot out straight with plenty of snap and power behind them, and they certainly did Sonny no visible good.

It was with his lusty right that Rocky showed the effects of his long absence from competition. He was badly off in his timing and judgment of distance, and the constantly moving Horne didn't simplify matters for him. At that, though he missed most of his rights, Rocky did manage occasionally to get one across, and at least twice Sonny seemed shaken. But the veteran totes around one of the ring's more durable middleweight chins, and he quickly shook off the effects of those jolts.

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CHIEFLY from Graziano's effective left jabs, Horne's face was well smeared at the finish. But Sonny is what the trade knows as a "free bleeder." The scar tissue that has collected above his eyes during his busy career rips open easily. Graziano started the claret streaming from over Horne's left optic in the third, and opened another gash above the right one in the eighth. Sonny's lips also were puffed and bleeding in the last few rounds.

Aside from a bruised right thumb, Graziano suffered no damage.

While the decision in favor of Rocky was unanimous with the three officials—Referee Harry Volkman and Judges Joe Trigg and Bob Kilmartin—the scorecards revealed the close margin by which the champion finished in front. The combined tallies credited Graziano with 16 rounds to nine for Horne and five even. On the point basis prevailing in the District of Columbia, Graziano was given a total of 301 on the three cards to 266 for Horne.

Perhaps the most disappointing feature of it all was the attendance and receipts. Despite the fact that it was Graziano's first appearance in the ring as middleweight champion, and he was pitted against an opponent who figured to extend him, only 5,151 cash customers showed up in an arena that seats 8,100, and the gross gate reached $34,738. The promoters had confidently figured on at least $60,000.

His entire purse, less expenses and one dollar he retained for himself, was turned over by Graziano to the Infantile Paralysis Fund. The donation amounted to $5,916.99.

Rocky scaled in at the middleweight limit, 160, while Horne was one pound heavier.

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DESPITE his failure to knock Horne out, or at least to whip him more decisively, Graziano and his board of strategy were well satisfied with Rocky's showing.

"I sure needed a tough workout like this," was the champion's philosophical observation in his dressing room. "It looked like if I wasn't gonna be banned out of the ring, I was gonna be rusted out."

"One real fight like this is worth more than a dozen outings with pop-overs," commented Co-Manager Jack Healey.

"After his long layoff, Rocky naturally was ring rusty, and going ten tough rounds with a fast, experienced boxer of Horne's type was just what the doctor ordered. We could use another good workout like this before the Zale bout, but we may not have a chance. Rocky will have to take time out for that thumb to heal, and when he's ready again, he'll start training for Zale."

(The third annual get-together of Rocky and Tony has been set for June 9 at Newark's Ruppert Stadium.)

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EVEN without the benefit of another tune-up, Graziano figures to have gained more out of his affair with Horne than Zale could profit from the program he has been conducting in mid-western rings.

With the all-important title match, and a probable $300,000 gate in the offing, 34-year-old Zale hardly could be censured for not taking undue chances with either his prestige or physical well-being. An unexpected defeat, a cracked hand, or some other untoward development could knock the props right from under that June 9 event. So Tony is playing it as safe as the statute of limitations permits.

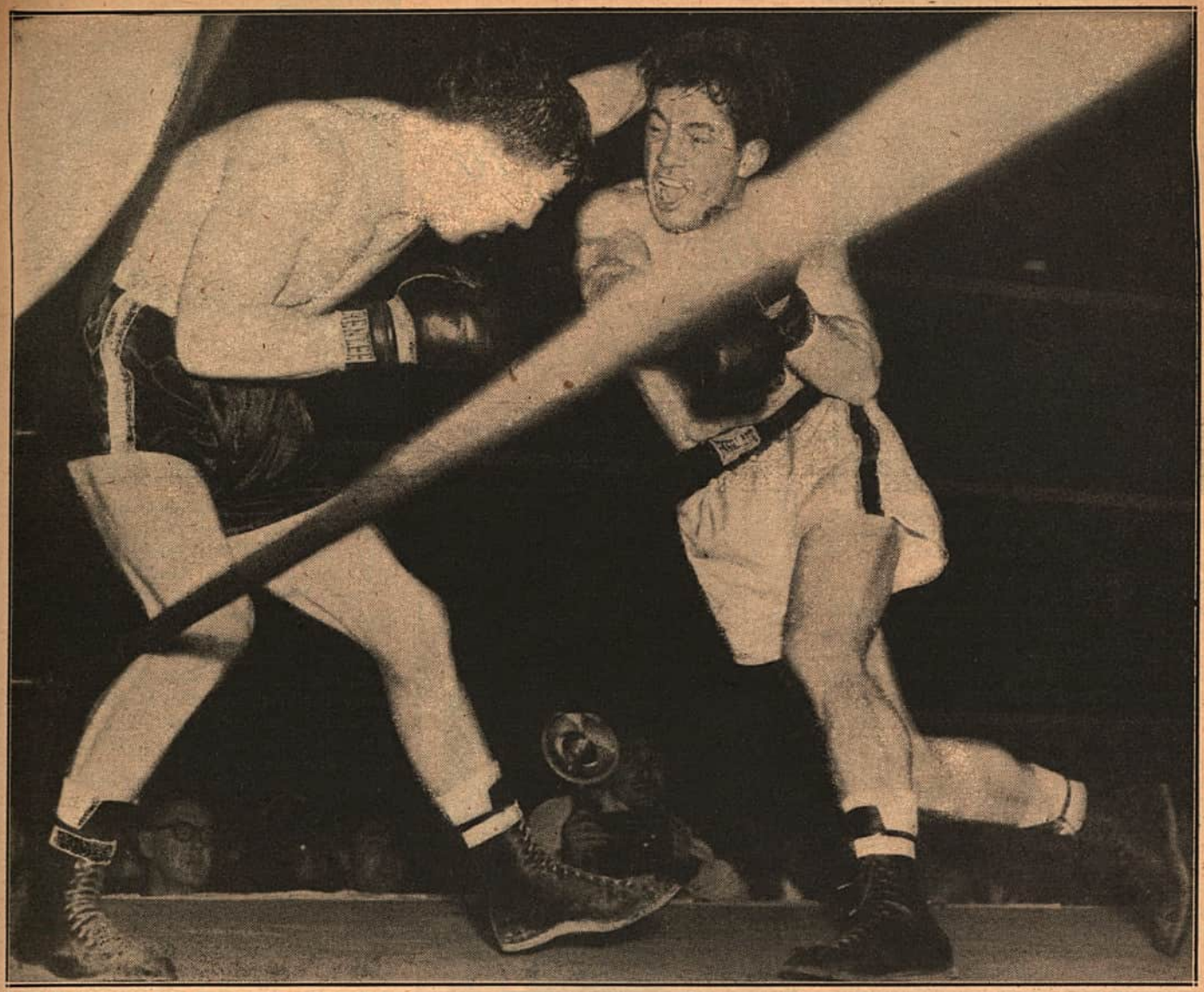
But there are times when discretion would appear to be something considerably less than the better part of valor.

Zale certainly doesn't figure to be helping either himself or his cause by his tour of the sticks, pushing over the miscellaneous assortment of nondescript stiffs dug up for him from the nation's fistic graveyards.

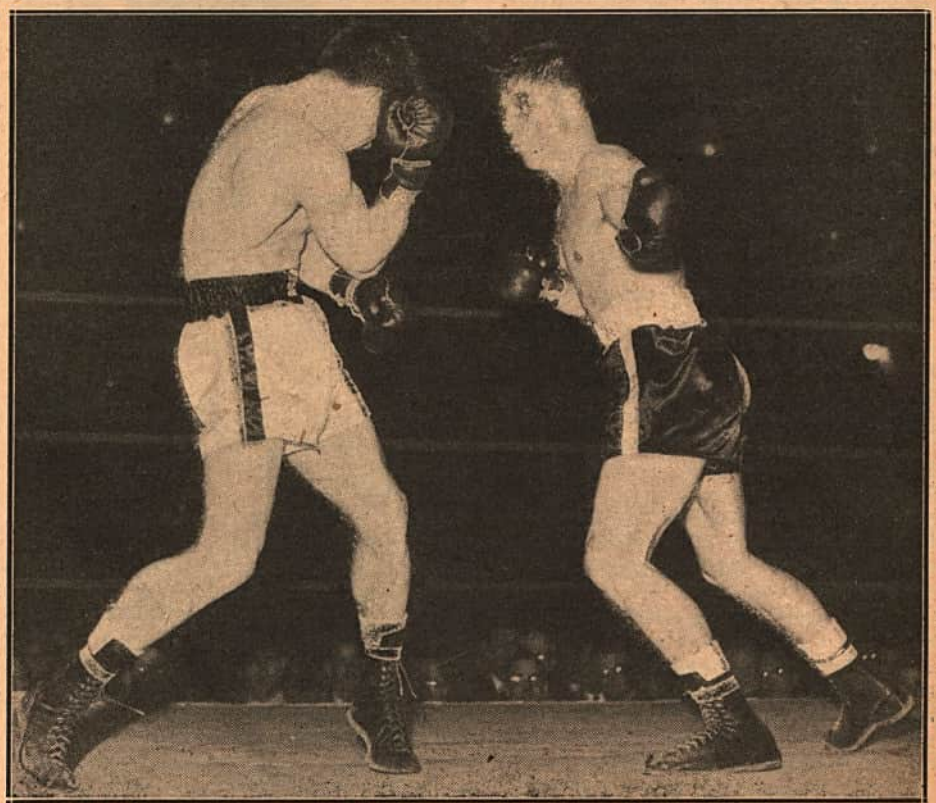
As Healey so succinctly pointed out, one real fight, such as Graziano packed in with Horne, is worth more than a dozen outings with pop-overs—and especially the brand of pop-overs they've been serving Zale.

There's nothing like legitimate competition to put a keen edge on a **fighting** blade.

The CHAMP RETURNS *to* ACTION



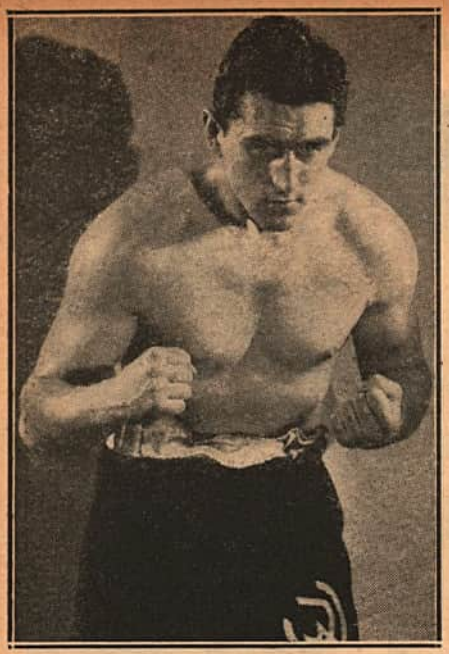
The furious attack of Rocky Graziano (right) drives Sonny Horne against the ropes in the sixth round of their non-title battle in Washington. Though defeated, Horne gave the ring-rusty middleweight champion stiff opposition. It was the second time his cleverness and ring generalship had enabled Sonny to go the ten-round route with the dangerous Rock-a-Bye Kid.



With claret streaming down from a cut over his left eye, Sonny Horne (right) fights back stubbornly against Rocky Graziano in the third round. The bout, Graziano's first in nine months, proved an excellent workout for the champion's third and "rubber" meeting with Tony Zale, scheduled for June 9 in Ruppert Stadium, Newark, N. J.

HEAVY-WEIGHTS COME *to the* FORE AGAIN

By ART COLLINS



The best of Europe's heavyweights is Jo Weidin, an Austrian who is now fighting out of Paris.

THE one point on which fistic authorities seem to agree, where the forthcoming Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott fracas is concerned, is that the winner isn't likely to remain at the top of the world's heavyweight heap very long.

There hardly is any denying that Louis is nearing the end of his string. Joe himself doesn't hesitate to admit that he no longer is the fighter he was, and he has been quoted as saying that he will hang up the gloves if he fails to whip Walcott.

Whether he will or not is, of course, something that remains to be seen. Louis has protected himself by having Walcott agree, in writing, to give him a return match, at anytime within a year, but if the Bomber is beaten decisively enough by Jersey Joe, and decides another meeting wouldn't be worth it, he may not hold the South Jersey veteran to the contract.

If Walcott should win the June engagement, his immediate plans probably will call for him to pack the championship in storage, while he cashes in on personal appearances, refereeing dates, boxing exhibitions, and perhaps stage, radio and movie engagements. He'll go through with his return match with Louis, of course, if Joe insists upon it, but beyond this one bout, there isn't apt to be any serious fistic activity on Walcott's part for at least a year, if not longer.

For which, of course, Walcott cannot be censured. After all, success was a long time getting around to Jersey Joe, and he is rapidly getting no younger. Officially, he lists his age as 34, but the suspicion prevails in many quarters that it's much closer to 40.

So it is only natural to expect Walcott, if he wrests the title from Louis, to hold on to it as long as possible, without taking needless chances of losing it.

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MEANWHILE, what of the rest of the heavyweight field? Who, if anybody, shapes up at the moment as a possible future challenger of the Louis-Walcott winner?

Frankly, the division is enjoying anything but robust health. None of the current so-called "leaders" among the big fellows can be accepted as a serious challenger for the title. In both quality and quantity, the ranks of the heavyweights are sadly lacking in topline talent.

Sid Peaks of Charleston, Ind., packs a wallop that may take him to the top.

But there is one encouraging sign. In recent months an exceptionally fine crop of youngsters has begun to attract attention. It is quite conceivable that out of this crop will emerge the lad destined to make a real bid for the championship in another year or two.

For instance, Buffalo is quite excited these days over 21-year-old Henry (Snow) Flake, who startled boxing fans by whipping Pat Comiskey in Akron, then made it emphatic by knocking Comiskey out in a return match in Newark.

Flake, who measures 6 feet, 1 inch in altitude, and scales about 192 pounds, has been fighting professionally less than 15 months, but has come along at a sizzling pace, and New York critics, who journeyed over to Newark to see him against Comiskey, were impressed with his natural ability. He is fast, knows a thing or two about boxing, stands up well under a punch, fights back when hurt, and can clout hard with either hand.

Former amateur star Danny Bucceroni of Philadelphia is doing well as a professional.

Another Negro newcomer who has been attracting more than casual attention of late is 214-pound Sid Peaks, of Charleston, Ind. Peaks hit the headlines when he dropped Lee Q. Murray eleven times before stopping him in the third round in Miami. While there seemed to be a few "strange" circumstances involved in that bout, the fact remains that Peaks had already begun to establish something of a reputation for terrific hitting, and shortly after his affair with Lee Q., he posted another fine win in Miami by stopping Kid Riviera of St. Louis in nine rounds.

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THOUGH currently listed as a light-heavyweight, a lad who seems to possess all the necessary qualifications of a future heavyweight headliner is Dan Bucceroni of Philadelphia.

Bucceroni was a standout in the amateurs. While in the Navy, and stationed at Great Lakes, Dan won every Golden Gloves 175-pound title for which he competed in 1947. After taking top honors in the Chicago eliminations, he whipped his New York rival in the intercity meet, and capped his campaign by trouncing his European opponent in the international carnival.

Following his discharge, Bucceroni returned to his native Philadelphia, and launched his professional career last November. In the next four months, he crowded eight bouts into a busy schedule, and chalked up a total of seven knockouts and one decision.

Bucceroni is described as a strong, rugged lad, built for wear and tear, and packing the sort of punch that is apt to break up a bout at any moment.

Dan isn't ready as yet to step out against "name" opponents, but if he continues at his present rate of progress, it shouldn't be long before he makes his bid for headline recognition.

Another youngster who has shaped up as a prospect worth tabbing is a Canadian, Don Mogard, of Toronto, now fighting in and around the New York metropolitan district.

Mogard is a well built, blond 185-pounder, with a fast, aggressive style, and has looked very well in his few professional bouts so far. He still is only a "prospect," but he seems to have a lot of natural ring savvy,

From a rolypoly novice, Carmine DiGeorgio of Astoria, L. I., has developed into a promising prospect.

and should continue to improve with the right sort of experience.

One of Don's better performances has been a win in a Madison Square Garden preliminary over another promising youngster, Dick Hagley, of Maplewood, N. J.

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THERE is an unusual story attached to the rapid rise of another newcomer in heavyweight competition, Carmine DiGeorgio, of Astoria, L. I.

About a year ago DiGeorgio showed up at Joe Vella's gymnasium in Cliffside Park, N. J. He said he wanted to learn how to box. In appearance, he looked more like a candidate for a Fat Man's job in a circus. Vella tried him out, but shook his head when DiGeorgio, the crudest of novices, floundered around clumsily. He didn't know the first thing about boxing, and he seemed too awkward to learn.

But Carmine refused to be discouraged. He was a determined young man. Vella turned him over to his two trainers, Al Ridgeway and Freddie Fierro. Gus Lesnevich also dropped into the gym occasionally to give the youngster a few pointers. Little by little their efforts began to produce results. DiGeorgio's flabby 250 pounds gradually melted away to a solid 215. And the youngster proved himself an apt pupil. He learned rapidly.

Vella finally was encouraged to try him out in the amateurs. A couple of months in the simon pures, and DiGeorgio had advanced to the stage where he was ready for the professional ring.

It was shortly after the start of 1948 that Carmine made his pro debut in a preliminary at Sunnyside Garden. He flattened his opponent in a hurry.

Within six weeks, DiGeorgio fought five times at Sunnyside—and his fifth start was a main event, in which he stopped Jimmy Dodd in three rounds.

Just how far Carmine will go in his quest for fistic glory and its attendant financial returns is, of course, something that remains to be seen. The youngster is no Fancy Dan in action, but he is strong, rugged and durable, packs a thunderous wallop in either hand—and anyone with his determination is worth tabbing.

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ANOTHER New Yorker who has been coming along at a steady pace is Roland LaStarza, of the Bronx. A former amateur star, LaStarza has been a consistent winner at the smaller clubs in the metropolitan district, and has appeared a couple of times in Madison Square Garden preliminaries. Of the short, chunky type, LaStarza's chief liability so far has been an apparent lack of stamina. He seems to tire after a few rounds. But this is something time and experience may remedy.

Among the more advanced of the newcomers is Leo Matriciani, of Baltimore, whose main bid for recognition so far has been an impressive showing against Joe Louis in a Baltimore exhibition.

Matriciani's main fault has been a tendency to "hurry" his efforts. He is exceptionally fast for a 205-pounder, and he has a colorful, aggressive style that appeals to the fans, but he wastes a lot of motion in the ring. If he'd learn to steady himself, he'd produce more effective results. Leo has a lot of natural ability, and for a lad fighting professionally only two years, he has done remarkably well for himself. Among his better performances to date have been victories over Sandy McPherson, Cleo Everett, Buddy Walker and Vern Mitchell.

Mitchell is another heavyweight who may be worth tabbing for the future. A Detroiter, of Irish-English-Canadian extraction, Vern tips the scales at 192 pounds, and is touted as one of the most prodigious punchers among the younger generation of big fellows. In his first 35 professional outings, Mitchell flattened no less than 31 opponents—and that is lusty larruping in any league.

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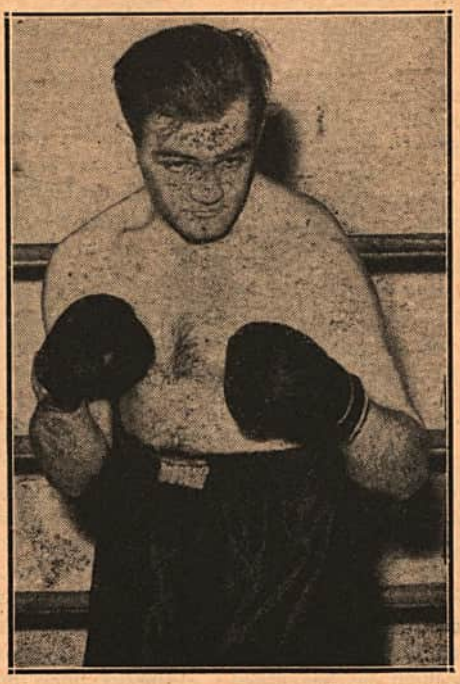
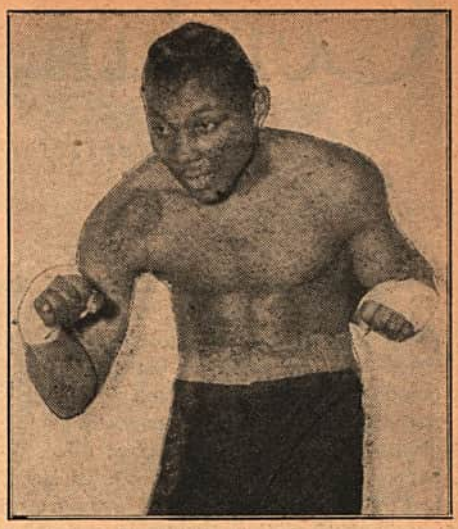
THE international front also has been coming up with newcomers who look as though they are headed for prominent places in future heavyweight settings.

Over in Europe, one of the best to hit the headlines since the pre-war era is a transplanted 210-pound Austrian, Jo Weidin, who now operates out of Paris.



Canadian entry who shows rare promise is blond Don Mogard of Toronto.



Henry (Snow) Flake of Buffalo hit the headlines with two sensational wins over Pat Comiskey.

An all-around athlete, and a former student at the University of Vienna, Weidin turned professional two years ago after compiling a fine record as an amateur.

Despite the comparatively short time he has been fighting in the money ranks, Jo already has established himself as the best heavyweight on the Continent. Last year he competed in an international tournament in Brussels, Belgium, and gathered top honors by knocking out Jean Declercq and Enrico Bertola, and decisioning Stephane Olek and Robert Eugene.

Since then, he has invaded Sweden to flatten Nisse Andersson and England to stop Alf Brown.

Weidin is said to be seriously contemplating an American jaunt. The Jack Dempsey-Max Waxman combination is angling for him, while Lew Burston also is prominently mentioned as his probable United States representative.

South Africa also has become excited over the steady progress of its young champion, Johnny Ralph. But Ralph seems to be handicapped by brittle hands, which have necessitated a couple of layoffs so far, and they may seriously retard his future development.

Ralph started boxing while in the service during the war, and was so encouraged by results that he decided to fight professionally upon his discharge. It was slightly more than two years ago that he made his pro debut, and his entire record to date embraces only 15 bouts. He won the South African title in his sixth start by whipping Nick Wolmarans, and he knocked Wolmarans out in a return match. He has since done well against such international importations as Buddy Scott of the United States, Ken Shaw of Scotland, Alf Gallagher of Australia, and Stephane Olek of France.

The lads listed in this piece are only some of the many youngsters popping up in heavyweight competition of late, and when the time arrives for the winner of the Louis-Walcott fracas to defend the world heavyweight championship, it would occasion no particular surprise if the challenger proves to be one of these newcomers.

Cerdan, *the* Rage *of* Paris

Marcel's Victories in United States Halt Traffic on Champs Elysees

By TED CARROLL

MARCEL CERDAN lives in Casablanca, the thriving seaport in Morocco. Ten years ago this information would have brought forth nothing but a "so what," but events in the past decade have given this boxer and the city made famous by romantic movies and a momentous World War II conference, a glamorous setting in the public mind. Actually Casablanca, as numerous occupying GI's were to learn, is largely European and modern in atmosphere. It is the metropolis of Morocco, with over a half million population and a seething center of commerce and trade. Still the legend of dark intrigue plus the combined mystery of Africa and the Orient is persistently aroused by the name Casablanca.

His North African background certainly doesn't hurt Cerdan's allure, especially since this part of the world played so prominent a part in recent history. A compelling fighter on his merits alone, the black-haired former French Marine performs like a fellow who should call some such spot as Casablanca his home.

He wasn't born there, but arrived in the city during his childhood and the roving bands of Arab street gamins who were always on the warpath had much to do with his becoming a fighter. In this connection Cerdan is one of the few pugilists whom parental pressure rather than disapproval, forced into the ring. An older brother hadn't been too bad, so Papa Cerdan ordered little Marcel to follow in big brother's footsteps or else. Lucien Roupp, his present manager, owned a gas station in the North African city over which he had a gymnasium and Marcel Cerdan eventually showed up there. Roupp ran fights on the side and that was the beginning of it all.

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IN his early days Cerdan's athletic prowess wasn't limited to boxing. He was even better at soccer football. Indeed, so apt was he at this game, which is the number one world team sport, he was considered of international ability. This means that he was potentially good enough to play on the picked teams representing the entire country against other nations such as England, Russia, Scotland, etc.

Cerdan's "color" is reflected in the crowds and the money he has attracted in his three Madison Square Garden showings so far. Capacity crowds in the big arena paid $83,859 to see his U.S. debut against Georgie Abrams on December 6, 1946. He went over the hundred grand mark with ordinary Harold Green on March 28, 1947, with $109,320 in the till, then did $80,030 with overmatched Laverne Roach.

Like some other fistic notables of bygone days there is a vividness to Cerdan's performances that enhances his ability. Others who possessed this peculiar glow were Kid Chocolate, Ruby Goldstein, Jimmy Slattery, and of course the daddy of them all in this respect, Jack Dempsey, who could look sensational just walloping the heavy bag.

How great is Marcel? Some enthusiasts call him the best fighter to come out of the continent. There is no denying that he has shown much versatility of style in his American appearances. Against Abrams he fought aggressively, pursuing the cagy American with Armstrong like tenacity. With both Green and Roach he laid back cunningly and finished off both boys with clean shots to the whiskers. He is a great body puncher, but packs a kayo wallop when he switches to the head. Various critics mumble disparagingly of the opposition he has faced over here and cast suspicion upon his staying powers in the later rounds.

AMONG those "high" on Cerdan, he has no more able nor astute supporter than Harry Markson, who is fast becoming recognized as the brainiest analyst in boxing today. Mr. Markson, a tough man in any disagreement, pooh-poohs those who are always growling, "Who'd he ever lick?" whenever a good man comes along. The answer to that silly question is always easy, "Who licks him? As far as Cerdan goes the fellow has lost two fights in 14 years, both on fouls!" Mr. Markson discloses, "When a fighter beats the best around, that should settle it.

"I heard that stuff so much about Louis, it almost drove me crazy. Now it's Cerdan. Nobody can do any more than beat the guys who are thrown in with him and until I see somebody beat Cerdan over here, I'm willing to go on record as saying that he's the best European boxer to come over during my time.

"They talk a lot about Marcel Thil. I know he beat three pretty good American fighters in Gorilla Jones, Lou Brouillard, and Vince Dundee, but in his only fight over here, he was stopped. He was far from disgraced, that's true. It was a cut eye, but still that's all he ever did in America and don't tell me he was too old when he got over here, because Cerdan is just about the same age Thil was then!"

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WITH the possible exception of our own Jersey Jones, the No. 1 authority on continental European fighters in this country, is Lew Burston. Mr. Burston, World War I doughboy who liked Paris so much he hung around for 20 years or so, rose to a position of eminence in sporting circles in France during his long tenure there. Back in his native New York, Lewis really is entitled to pat himself on the back for the calibre of boxers from overseas he has introduced to American audiences. Pete Sanstol, the little Norwegian fireball; Rene DeVos, the superb Belgian; Pedro Montanez, a spectacular performer, and Attilio Sabitino, the gentlemanly Puerto Rican, gave American fight fans more than their money's worth every time they answered the gong.

On the subject of Cerdan's hold on the French public Burston is particularly vocal. "Every time he fights over here, loud speakers bellow the round by round results from buildings all over Paris!" exuberates Lew. "The boulevards are black with people. The newspaper headlines are like an election over here. Jo Longman's night club, Les Ambassadeurs, is like the subway at rush hour the night he fights. It's on the Champs Elysees and —funny, it hurts business, because the crowd is so dense, the waiters can't get through to serve the customers. But Jo doesn't care, because when Marcel wins, a celebration breaks out that's like the armistice."

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A MEMBER of the Cerdan board of strategy, interpreter, and American representative. Lew, while ecstatic over Cerdan's capabilities, does not go out on a limb in placing the Moroccan at the very top of Europe's battlers.

Jefferson Davis Dickson, the late "Tex Rickard" of France, maintained to the end that Marcel Thil was the peer of all middleweights. Dickson referred to the records for substantiation, claiming that Thil was one of the few world champions worthy of the name, since he beat not only the three U.S. titleholders named previously, but such foreign formidables, as British champions Len Harvey, Jock MacAvoy, Ted Moore and Jack Hood; Spanish, Ignacio Ara; German, Eric Seelig; Italian, Leone Jacovacci and Oddone Pazza; Belgian, Rene DeVos, and Cuban Kid Tunero.

Burston, long time associate of Dickson in his foreign ventures, while duly respectful of Thil, doesn't go quite as far as his one time partner in his estimate of the rugged Frenchman.

"Thil was unusually strong and tough, a real bruiser," explains Lew. "Cerdan would have had too much speed for him. But what a 'war' it would have been. I know Thil beat DeVos but Rene was pretty well washed up at the time."

At his mention of Rene DeVos, Lew's face lighted up. "Now, there was a great fighter! I received a letter from him just this morning from Antwerp. And the fighters he beat! George Courtney, how I'd like to have him *(Continued on page 37)*

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Depression Fear Again Strikes in Boxing

130th RING Belt Is Awarded to Monaghan

Commissions on the Alert to Curb Injuries

"THE depression is on."

That seems to be the general cry of fight managers and promoters throughout the country.

The reason for the alarm? The heavy fall in attendance and receipts especially at the smaller clubs, compared to what was grossed during the two years immediately following the war.

In New York, for example, the alarm has reached the panic stage. Even so big an organization as the 20th Century Sporting Club which operates both in the St. Nicholas Arena and in the Garden, is worried over the situation. While Mike Jacobs' promotions in the Garden have been doing pretty well financially, with many of the shows grossing beyond the $50,000 mark, the St. Nicholas productions have been losing money steadily.

Even with the television and radio contracts, the St. Nicholas Club is in the red for the year and shut down its Monday night programs until next fall. Despite the sums received from the television and radio, those Monday promotions have been productive of huge headaches because of the losses during the past six months.

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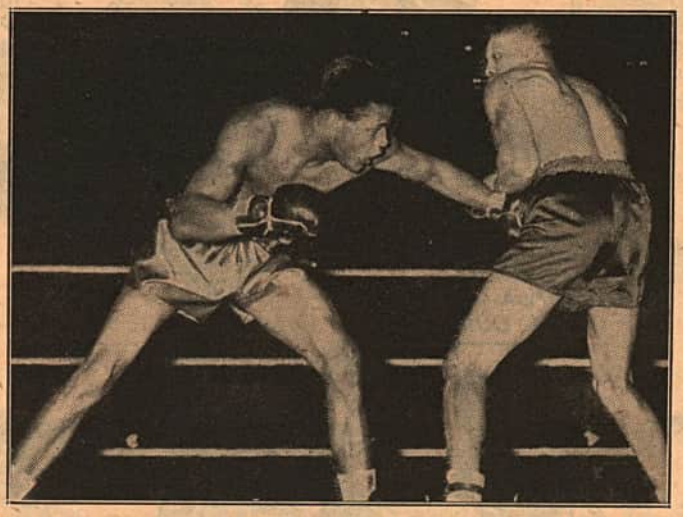
WHAT'S wrong with boxing?

Can it be that the world war scare has caused the American sports followers to halt spending?

Has the unemployment situation reached a point where the average fight fan no longer finds that he can afford to pay the high prices demanded for what as recently as two years ago was looked upon as an ordinary small club fight card with a charge of three dollars tops but today is billed as a Madison Square Garden attraction at $12 tops?

A survey by THE RING'S correspondents in which several thousand fans were queried to locate the cause of the deep drop in boxing attendance around the country brought out some interesting data. For example, some of the inquiries brought the answer that television of fights made it more convenient to remain at home where the entire family could see the proceedings.



Too low? Ray Robinson lands a left in his ten round bout with Henry Brimm in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium in which the "Sugar" won the unanimous decision.

Others declared that there is a tightening of the purse string due to recent international events and the lay-off of employees who held down jobs with attractive salaries.

Still others informed our staff that the talent used for major shows was not worth the heavy price of admission asked by the major organizations in the big cities, since these same fellows could be seen and were often seen in the smaller clubs at a quarter of what is asked when they appear in a place like the Garden, for example in New York, the Stadium in Chicago, the Municipal Stadium in Cleveland, the Auditorium of Philadelphia among others.

Several fans stated that though they stopped going to fights because of television, when a championship bout takes place they definitely would be among those present in the arena where the affair is to be staged, but that for ordinary bouts, they got more for their money by staying at home and watching the boys mix it on the screen.

All of which is most interesting because it gives those who are complaining about the drop in boxing, a chance to take the necessary steps to check the boxing "depression."

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MADISON SQUARE GARDEN has been extremely fortunate in its promotion since the New Year got under way. Though on a number of occasions the talent has been of the ordinary variety, the matches have brought out keenly contested bouts, several of them thrillers so that the spectators, though charged top prices for pairings that had been seen in the smaller clubs of New York at far less than it costs to attend a Garden show, left the arena well satisfied. Thus the club operated by Mike Jacobs has been able from such shows to build ordinary fighters into top billing. So it was with Terry Young, Paddy DeMarco, Kid Gavilan, Charley (Zivic) Affif, Gino Buonvino, Jackie Cranford, Rocco Rossano and Smuggy Hursey.

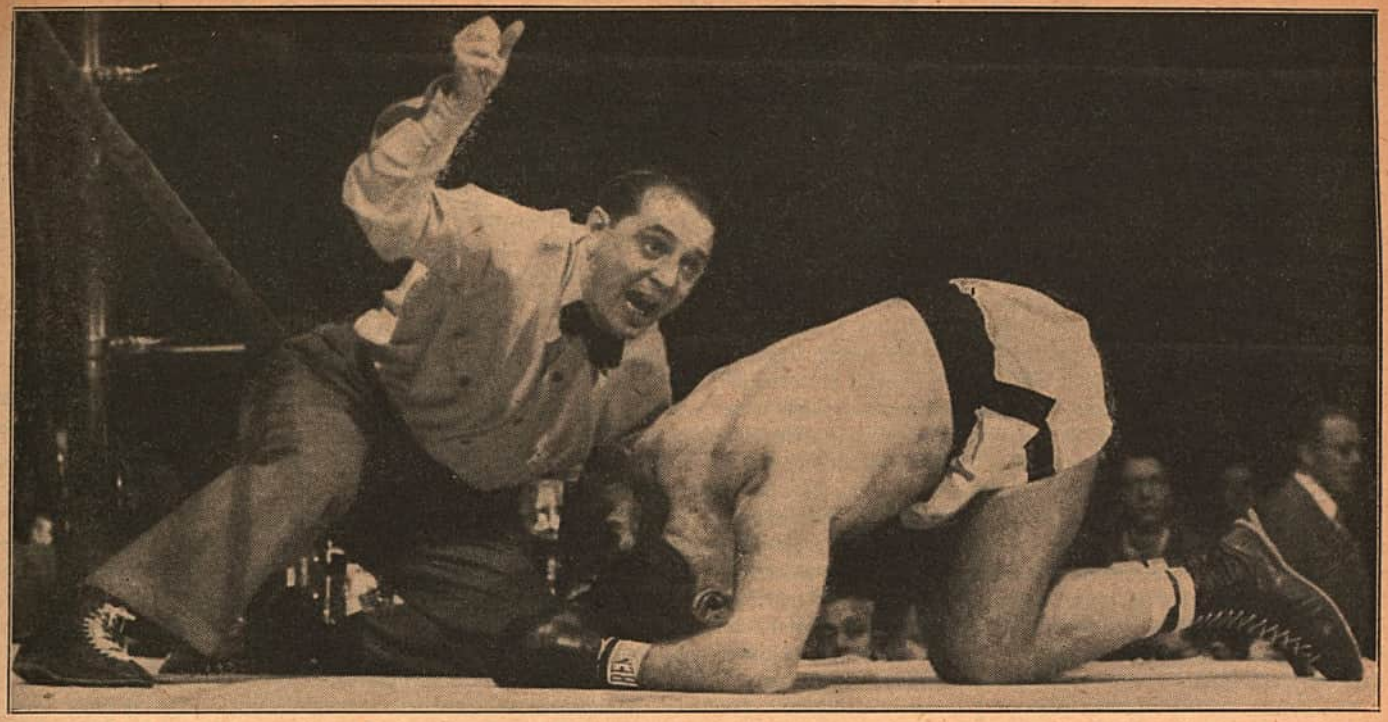
But not all clubs are so fortunate. Sol Strauss can thank Dame Fortune for pulling him out of a dark spot at a time when things looked very gloomy for Mike's organization. Good matchmaking some say. Yes, but Lady Luck played her part in aiding Chickie Bogad and Sol.

There are forty-one clubs in New York State and of that number only a handful are operating without loss. The old standby, the famous Ridgewood Club, continues year in and year out to carry on without any difficulties confronting the matchmaker, because Moe Fleischer (no relation), an operator of the old school, knows his business and has been giving the patrons the kind of shows that attract.

Charley Bennett, another of the old grads who is a keen student of the fight game, has turned the Sunnyside Club into a money maker by pairing ordinary talent in such a way that even with the poorest crop of fighters in many years at his call, he brings out the best in them and keep his patrons satisfied.

Max Joss with his Broadway Club is another who has been able to keep out of the red.

The rest of the clubs licensed by the New York Commission are having a bitter time of it. Col. Eddie Eagan will have to depend on the outdoor fights of the 20th Century S. C. if he hopes to report to the State Treasurer receipts of more than $300,000



Lee Savold thumbed his way back into the heavyweight picture by his 54 second knockout of Gino Buonvino, Italian heavyweight champion, at Madison Square Garden, New York. Here we see Gino taking the "ten count" which established a new Garden record for quick kayoes.

this year. Because so far, the year has been the poorest in a decade for financial returns.

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IN NEW JERSEY several clubs have closed their doors rather than take it on the chin.

In Pennsylvania, where weekly shows drew packed houses last year, only a few are still running on schedule with most of them carrying on once a month or even less. Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island have suffered heavily with less than half the usual shows taking place.

The same story goes for California, Illinois, Michigan and Louisiana, the states where most of the country's boxing was staged last year.

In White Plains, New York, where the fights were staged weekly at the Civic Center, one of the finest fight arenas in the East, the Feodor Club which operates there, has been in the red all season. Why? Because of the poor quality of bouts staged.

The Center in past years was one of the best money makers among the smaller organizations due to the fact that the fans were sure of seeing plenty of action among well-matched boys, but when the promoters found that the going was good, they began to feel that the fans were saps and like other similar cases throughout the country, those who pay the freight quit cold. With mediocre talent and listless bouts, the White Plains Civic Center no longer rates among the money makers and had to close its doors on several occasions recently. Where the gross weekly used to be around the $7500 mark, this year it scarcely ever has reached beyond $2500.

So it goes down the line. I can cite fifty other cases like it. Hence it is not all lack of money and high prices of admission that has brought about the break but most of it is due to lack of talent, poor matching and greed caused by too much success following the war's end when people were drunk with money and spent their dough readily. The promoters benefited then and are of the opinion that the war plants' dough is still available for the sucker trade.

Boxing can come back with a bang. It will come back as it has in the past. All that is needed is level-headed matchmaking, like Chickie Bogad has been giving the Garden patrons and due consideration for those who pay the freight. Let's have both before a real depression hits the sport.

THE knockout of Jackie Paterson by Rinty Monaghan at Belfast justifies the original action of the British Board of Boxing Control in relieving Jackie of his crown after he had called off his fight with Dado Marino on three occasions. Twice he claimed that because of boils contracted in training he was unable to go through with his match and the third time he insisted that he had a nervous breakdown, but whatever the cause, the fact remained that his condition was brought about by his efforts to reduce to the poundage of a flyweight when in reality he was a legitimate bantam.

Unfortunately, after the victory of Rinty over Marino, the British Board was compelled through a court order obtained by Paterson, to refrain from awarding the world crown to Monaghan whose right to the crown could not be denied since he was at the time of his victory the outstanding flyweight in Europe and Marino was the best man at his weight in the United States. But THE RING refused to accept the verdict of the court and following the general code of boxing, named Monaghan the king of his division.

Rinty came through for THE RING Editor when the Irish crooner stopped his Scotch rival in the seventh round of a bout ordered by The Board of Control following such instructions from the court. Now there can be no question regarding the holder of the world championship.

The new king scaled 112, top limit of the class, and Paterson, who entered the ring as the defending champion, was four ounces less after taking off several pounds that made of him a physical wreck. Obviously the weight reducing had affected Paterson's fighting qualities. It would have been far better for him had he listened to the British Board of Boxing Control and given up any attempt to fight again as a flyweight which class he had outgrown.

The usual championship belt awarded to all title holders by this publication, has been presented to Rinty Monaghan by Nat Fleischer, who took the trophy with him when he left on his European tour a few weeks ago. Monaghan's award is the 130th by THE RING Magazine since 1922.

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THE recent trip abroad of Joe Louis was as big a financial flop as was that of Max Schmeling when he undertook to reap a harvest in the Mid-West with exhibitions following his

winning of the world heavyweight title on a foul. The only difference is that while Louis collected for his no-hit, no-run exhibitions at the rate of $3,333 a day to the gross of 80,000 good American dollars, Herr Max had to toss in the sponge after one week when the receipts failed to equal his expenses. According to the final report, the Brown Bomber had difficulty in drawing a baker's dozen a day at forty cents per head.

London's Health and Holidays Exhibition which contracted for Louis to appear at the big Earl's Court indoor stadium, dropped close to half a million dollars on the venture. But despite the vacant seats Louis declared he had a good time while it lasted.

"I did my rounds of exhibitions in boxing, shadow boxing, rope skipping and bag punching and if the British didn't want to see me, that was their business. I was paid for what I performed."

The promoters put the blame on the newspapers which were cold to Louis. Sports writers saw the initial workout, disliked it, became unkind in print and turned to writing about dogs and football instead of Louis' exhibitions.

The tour did Joe more harm than good. Despite outward appearances, the champion took the flop keenly. He couldn't understand why in America the people flocked to see him in action both during his training camp workouts and in actual combat, but the British paid so little attention to him. He declared that he had a good time and kept himself in fine physical condition with his daily stunts, but those close to him noted otherwise.

The British scribes feel that the tour has heightened Jersey Joe Walcott's chances to win the crown when he and the Bomber engage in their return bout next June at the Yankee Stadium.

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FOLLOWING the recommendation of the Executive Board of the National Boxing Association, several states already have adopted the eight count rule. This makes it mandatory on the part of the referee to count at least eight for a fighter who has gone down on a clean hit, even if such boy is on his feet, ready to resume fighting. This should aid lads who because of pride, ignore a count. Seldom does a ring veteran or a first class pugilist ignore the rest period. It is usually the novices who bound back into action in an effort to prove they were not hurt and by so doing, they invite injuries.

The recent confab of the N.B.A. should be productive of much good in boxing. It is regrettable that New York was not represented since the entire two days' session was taken up with discussions on injuries and deaths in boxing with many splendid recommendations made. Though Col. Eagan was not among those present, several of the suggestions made by the N.B.A. officials may be adopted in the Empire State and some were before the N.B.A. session was called. For some time now the New York Commission has been revoking or suspending licenses of boys who have been knocked out six or more times in a row, a recommendation voted by the N.B.A. at its last special meeting. New York has also been suspending boxers who have rolled up many losses, another recommendation of the N.B.A.

By far the best of all the suggestions by the Abe Greene's special board, was that which calls for the listing of the last six fights on a card to be carried by each licensed boxer. On such card must appear the photo of the fighter, his license number, his finger prints and a certification from his home state that he is in good standing. By means of such a record it will be easy for a promoter to pair men more evenly. In addition, it will give the promoters and commissions an opportunity to detect the phonies who use different names in different states in an effort to cover up losses.

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DR. VINCENT NARDIELLO, the dean of the New York State Boxing Commission physicians, has submitted a program to the New York Commission for the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of Traumatic Encephalopathy, known commonly as a punch drunk condition following a boxing bout in which the head has been severely pounded. Here is a copy of the report made by Dr. Nardiello.

"It has been roughly estimated that in New York City alone there are many boys suffering from traumatic encephalopathy as a result of having been rendered repeatedly unconscious during boxing bouts. These men have been engaged in a strenuous and dangerous business which at best is short lived, and which adds millions of dollars to the income of New York State. At the present time those engaged in actual combat of boxing have no insurance, pension, or workmen's compensation protection.

"Those who have been 'knocked unconscious' on various occasions and who progressively show the effects of traumatic encephalopathy become after a brief vigorous period helpless pitiful and social burdens. These men deserve at least a sporting chance at early diagnosis, preventive and progressive therapy, and an opportunity for rehabilitation.

"The following proposals are made for the management of the chronic and acute forms of traumatic encephalopathy as a result of boxing. These proposals could be best carried out at a hospital especially fitted for neurological study where an interested team of neurologists, opthalmologists, psychologists, occupational therapists, and social workers would devote themselves to this important subject.

"*Chronic Cases*—Those who show the advanced symptoms of impaired vision, tremors, ataxia, irritability, personality changes and the like should be admitted to the hospital for study. At no expense to the patient, the study should include a detailed history of his ring career with particular investigation about the number of fights and unconscious episodes.

"Examination should include neurological examination, electro-encephalogram, spinal fluid studies, pneumo-encephalogram and further studies which might shed light upon the underlying process. The response to various forms of therapy and data which might lead to a rational prognosis should be carefully recorded.

"Such a study of several hundred cases may not only establish sound measures for therapy, but what may seem even more important, may establish criteria for the recommendation that an individual should discontinue professional boxing. Provisions for compensation under such conditions should follow an established schedule from a fund derived from the general boxing profession.

"The acute form of traumatic encephalopathy should be studied from a somewhat different point of view and in the light of the facts learned from the cases of the chronic forms of traumatic encephalopathy. Every boxer who has been knocked unconscious during a fight or during training should be required to be hospitalized for at least forty-eight hours, during which time a complete neurological status and electro-encephalogram could be recorded.

"Comparative studies and follow up records could be gathered in this manner during subsequent admissions. From the study of such data it will be possible to make some general conclusions, and may in some individuals indicate that further professional boxing is inadvisable or dangerous.

"At this point the problem of rehabilitation of the man begins. This should include a program suited to each individual person after a survey of the physical, mental, and psychological status. Schooling, vocational guidance, and training, as well as psychotherapy, recreational and social facilities should be made available. The education of the public and employers about this program would greatly facilitate the employment of these people and aid in their becoming self sustaining and self respecting.

"In view of adverse publicity given to boxing in the past year, and on the bases of an increased number of ring deaths, I would like to offer to you and your commission the following:

"1—That a fully equipped office be established by the Commission, including fluoroscope, cardiograph, and laboratory for a complete urine and blood examination.

"2—That boxers be examined privately with one of the commissioners attending.

"3—That every boxer undergo a complete physical examination including:

"a—X ray of the chest
"b—Electro-cardiograph
"c—Electro-encephalogram
"d—Eye examination by an eye specialist
"e—Wassermann test
"f—Complete blood count
"g—Complete urine analysis

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I SEE *a* FIGHT

Famous Sportsman, a Ringside Spectator at the San Francisco Battle Between Jeffries and Fitzsimmons, Gives Vivid Account of Lanky Bob's Attempt to Regain World Heavyweight Crown

By VINCENT WOODBURY

MEMORY has no age. How reassuring that is when I think of that heavyweight championship fight of the world between James J. Jeffries and Bob Fitzsimmons held in San Francisco July 25th, 1902.

Sporting circles were thriving with that sparkling life so peculiarly their own. Bob Fitzsimmons had gone through a most careful and well advertised plan of physical culture to build-back his 38 years old frame to the standard of youth. There was no doubt of his sincerity. He had trained faithfully and said he felt fit to regain the championship.

My ringside seat was back of Jeffries' corner. Before me was the stern looking ring seemingly holding back on all four sides tiers of sloping seats. The whole thing looked like a one ring circus with its huge tent covering. Above, by the center pole, was a long tear through which the twinkling stars winked.

Bob Fitzsimmons is first in the ring. There he sits in the opposite corner. His face the whiteness of chalk and made even more pale by the reflected calcium lights over the ring. He wears a bathrobe over his fighting togs, and sits in his stiff backed chair with a look of solemnity that earns your consideration at first sight.

Now, there's a bustle in my corner. A mountain of a man lunges through the ropes attired in a blue suit and black sweater. He looks like an overgrown hoodlum from the Barbary Coast. He stands awkwardly, and then starts removing his pants, coat and sweater only to hold them uncertain where to unload, when a voice calls out:

"Throw 'em here, Jeff."

And there, before me, is James J. Jeffries, the world's heavyweight champion.

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REMEMBER those cigar Indian statues? You would see them in front of cigar stores holding with an outstretched hand a package of cigars. What massive bronze figures you beheld. Heavy-muscled legs. Herringbone bodies rippled with ridges of muscle.

That was Jeffries, and yet he was more than this for heavy hair mossed its covering over his chest, and you realized you were looking upon a manly animal!

Here's now the referee. Immaculate Eddie Graney in his tuxedo, and as slick looking as a billiard ball. Neat as a professor and as obviously sure of himself. He calls the fighters to the center of the ring. He tells them to break clean at his command.

But what a contrast! Graney small and thick set. Fitzsimmons tall and built like a capital V—his slender piston like legs, his narrow waist just starting to bulge out to support massive shoulders, and all this topped off by a knob of a head, small, round and bald. Jeffries, heavy as a forest, with bushy hair and the form of a Hercules.

Fitzsimmons and Jeffries square off for the flashlight picture. Again you see the difference, and right there your heart goes out to the veteran ex-champion with only his hundred sixty-eight pounds, and a well-written face of a past generation, opposed to the youthful two hundred twenty-five pound powered giant champion.

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THE bell! They advance. Jeffries coming out in his crouch as taught him by clever Tommy Ryan and Fitzsimmons fighting erect like an eagle. There is no delay. Fitzsimmons lands with snappy jolts to the face and jumps back from the counter. He has Jeffries bleeding before the end of the round.

The second, third and fourth rounds are the same: Fitzsimmons, quick and fighting beautifully as he suddenly leaps in with lightninglike stabs the smack of which carry around ringside, and Jeffries shaking his head like a bull pup, and always advancing as he bores in to sink his heavy right into Bob's mid-section as they come to a clinch.

The crowd is as quiet as a prayer. You can almost hear the fighters sigh out their pent-up nerves. Hear again the thud of glove on flesh; the swish into a clinch, and the even voice of resplendent Graney commanding "Break. Break."

And the men promptly break and start their work again. Between rounds we all bark out our feelings. Jumping to our feet and roaring our praise to that grand old man, who is surely winning back a lost championship!

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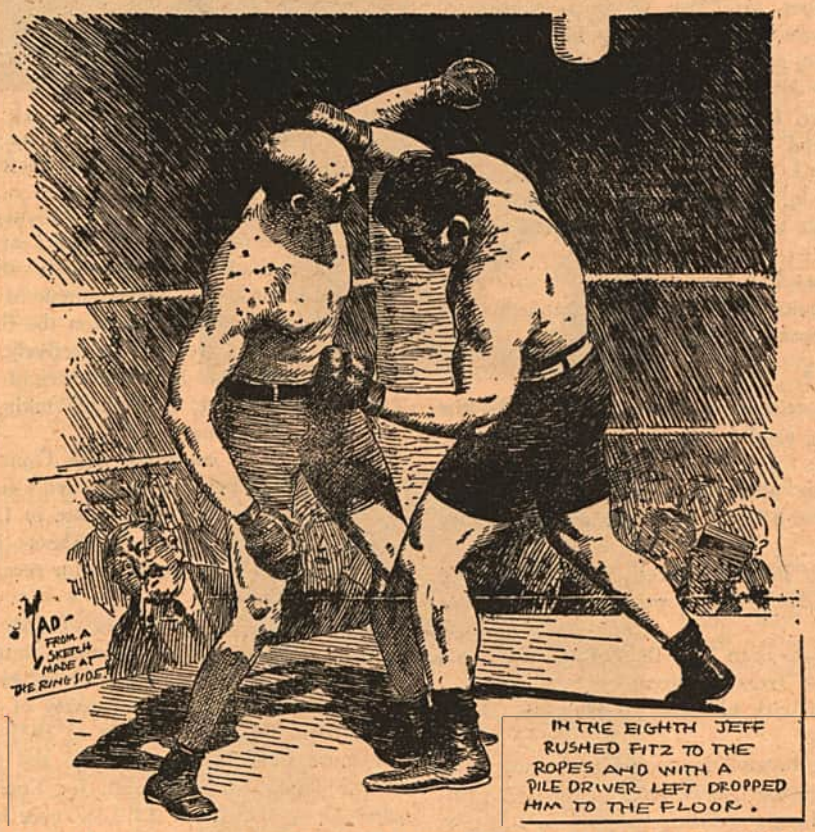
FITZSIMMONS' skill has him well in the lead in the fifth round. He has outboxed Jeffries, who is now bleeding from nose and mouth, blood, which dropped down from his face to collect on his hairy breast only to be rubbed off onto Fitzsimmons' snowlike skin in the clinches. My *(Continued on page 34)*



The above cartoon, drawn by Tad, famous cartoonist of the New York Journal, was given to THE RING *Editor many years ago.*

DELANEY *Wins Again!*

One-Time Beau Ideal of the Light-Heavyweights Scores a Spectacular Victory Over Dangerous Illness to Recall Memories of a Glamorous Ring Career

By PERCY THOMPSON

IT WAS rather grimly ironical that, while the boxing world was hailing Gus Lesnevich's spectacular one-round knockout of Billy Fox in Madison Square Garden not so long ago, one of Gus' most illustrious predecessors in the light-heavyweight spotlight was quietly celebrating an important victory of his own—on a sickbed in a New York hospital!

Jack Delaney was recuperating from a series of delicate operations for the removal of a tumor on his brain!

There were no howling thousands to cheer Delaney on in his latest triumph; no newspaper headlines or radio flashes to clarion to the world his most recent conquest. There was no boxing championship at stake, no financial fortune awaiting him.

But to the one-time *Beau Ideal* of the prize ring, it was the greatest victory of his career. He had won something infinitely more precious than titles and dollars and the acclaim of the masses. He had won his life!

Delaney had won a fight in which his chances seemed hopeless, a fight in which the odds were longer than 100 to 1 against him!

But winning the tough ones had long been a habit with Jack Delaney, one of the most colorful and popular champions the light-heavyweight division ever has uncovered.

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NOT many ringsters succeed in capturing the fancy of the populace as completely as did Delaney during that hectic decade of the riotous '20's.

There was nothing of the plug-ugly about Jack. Tall and handsome, with the physique of a Greek god, he oozed personality plus from every pore.

In the ring, there probably never has been a smoother, more graceful boxer than Delaney. Nor a faster, more accurate, deadlier puncher with either hand.

Jack, a French-Canadian, was born May 18, 1900, on the island of St. Francis, about 45 miles from Montreal.

As a youngster, he moved with his folks to Holyoke, Mass., then to Bridgeport, Conn.

Delaney was 18 when he became interested in boxing. The veteran Al Jennings of Bridgeport, watching him in the gymnasium, was impressed with his possibilities, and took him in tow.

"What's your name?" Jennings asked.

"Ovila Chapdelaine," was the reply.

"Chapdelaine!" Jennings grunted. "That's no name for a fighter. We've got to find something easier to remember. Let's see, now. Chapdelaine. H-m-m-m-m. Chapdelaine. Jack Delaney. That's it! From now on you're Jack Delaney."

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IT WAS after Pete Reilly had purchased Delaney's contract from Jennings, late in 1922, that Jack hit the big-time brackets.

In the next few years the clever, sharpshooting Bridgeport Canuck left fistic posterity much to remember him by.

Jack Delaney smiles his familiar smile of victory as he leaves the hospital with his wife, Cornelia, after a series of delicate operations for removal of brain tumor.

Delaney's series with Paul Berlenbach earned a conspicuous rating as one of the great classics of the ring.

Of the four clashes of the rivals—the first two in New York, the third in Brooklyn, and the finale in Chicago—three resulted in victories for Delaney. Jack won the first and last by knockouts, in four and six rounds respectively, while the "in between" episodes, with the light-heavyweight title involved, went the full 15-round route, Berlenbach taking the decision in one and Delaney in the other.

One of Jack's meetings with Oom Paul was given the distinction of featuring Tex Rickard's inaugural fistic card in the New Garden when it opened late in 1925.

The following summer, at Ebbets Field, the rivals set what still stands as the all-time high for receipts at a light-heavyweight offering, $461,789.

Two sensational knockouts of Tiger Flowers and a pair of brilliant boxing duels with Jimmy Slattery were among the other highlights in Delaney's colorful career.

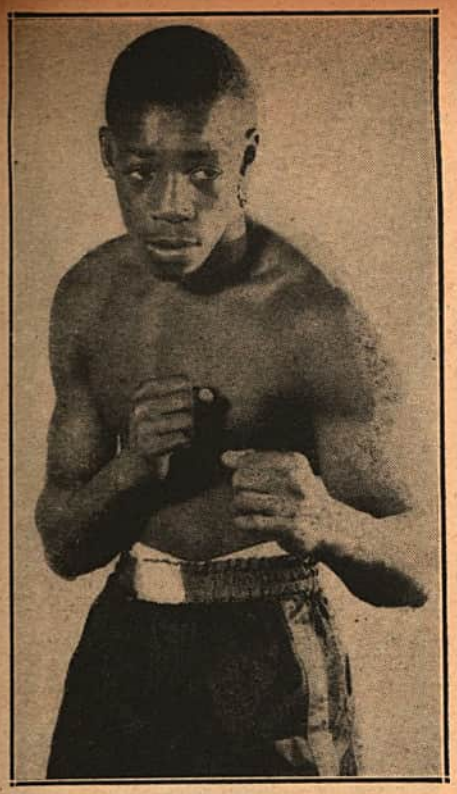
With Jim Maloney as the party of the other part, Jack drew $201,613 in the Garden early in 1927—and that mark remained for more than 20 years as the top figure for receipts in the House That Tex Built, until Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott came along with their $216,447 gate last December.

Delaney's peak year was 1926, when he ran off 14 successive wins. He knocked out Tom Roper, Quintin Romero-Rojas, Joe Lohman, Mike McTigue, Martin O'Grady, Tommy Burns, Jamaica Kid and Bud Gorman, decisioned Young Bob Fitzsimmons, Johnny Risko, Maxie Rosenbloom, King Solomon and Bob Sage, and capped his campaign by taking the light-heavyweight title from Berlenbach.

Jack began to fade in 1927, when he officially relinquished his 175-pound laurels to campaign as a heavyweight, and lost to Maloney and Risko. The following year he dropped a decision to Tom Heeney and was knocked out by Jack Sharkey. Shortly after, he hung up the mittens and called it a career.

Good Club Fighters

By NAT LOUBET



Billy Gillard, a busy little Philadelphian.

DON WEBBER

THE scene was Royal Albert Hall, London, and the time 1943. The writer with other scribes in uniform was seated at the ringside for the American-British Army boxing championships.

One fight melted into another as the evening wore on. Then we were awakened from the comfort of good fellowship and uninteresting milling that blended one bout into the next by the appearance of a youngster whose busy antics were sufficient to stop the buzz of ringside chatter and cause all to watch the two boys who were ladling each other with leather.

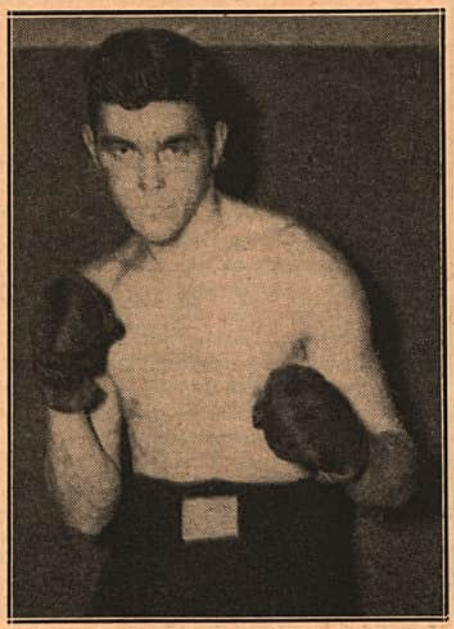
The boxer who made the fight was Pvt. Don Webber of Uncle Sam's forces who went on that night to win the inter-army feather crown from L-BDR Wm. Marlow of his Majesty's Army. Don already held the feather bauble of the U.S. Army and had been undefeated for almost a year at that time. He went on for another year before tasting defeat and then only when he attempted to trim down to a bantamweight. The Virginian was and is an aggressive charge of TNT who lights the fuses with either hand.

Webber was a member of the 29th Infantry Division National Guard outfit which landed in England in 1942. Before being mustered into the armed forces he had been a high school student at Roanoke, Virginia, where he shone at track, football and amateur boxing.

When Don returned from overseas service in 1945 he accepted a job with the Veteran's Administration at Roanoke and turned pro as a pastime and as a secondary means of earning some lucres. Then about a year ago he married and from the union stemmed a new Webber. No longer was boxing purely a pastime, now fighting held his future and that of his family.

The job with the Veteran's Administration at Roanoke was relinquished and Don devoted all his time to training and to

Don Webber, a featherweight from Virginia.



Washington, D.C., has a good middleweight in Joe Gannon.

A heavyweight from California is Eddie Jackson.

preparing himself for a serious bid and a future in his chosen profession.

Among others, he has stopped Sammy McFalls and Johnny Protan.

He is managed by Harold B. Gillespie.

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EDDIE JACKSON

THE gods of destiny were smiling when they dealt Eddie Jackson, the California heavyweight, a split decision loss in his bout with Roy Thomas last October. At the time Eddie thought that fate was indeed treating him badly but in December he was seriously injured in an automobile accident and then those same guardians of his destiny came to his rescue and pulled him through.

Once again Eddie is fit for the squared circle and ready for the fistic wars. Down to 200 pounds his six feet two inches is pared of any extra avoirdupois and he is punching sharper than prior to his tussel with the sick bed.

At twenty-six Jackson is no newcomer to the ring game but he has added something to his equipment—a solid punch, and with it he hopes to go places.

Kenneth Stigner, Pennsylvania veteran of thirty years' standing in the game, is handling his ring affairs.

Stigner points out that since the accident, Eddie, now fighting out of Elmira, New York, takes everything more seriously and is really buckling down to make the grade.

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BILLY GILLARD

FIGHTING out of Philadelphia, the second busiest seaport in the U.S.A., comes the strongly armored featherweight, Billy Gillard, an eighteen year old Ben Franklin High School student who first laced on the gloves in 1945. Within a matter of months after the youngster started his simon pure career he had captured the Diamond Belt 112 pound diadem.

Billy turned pro in July of 1946 and at this writing has entered the roped square on twenty occasions being returned the winner in all but three bouts. This year he has had two fights, icing both of his

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World-Wide Army-Air Force Meet

By CAPT. F. B. GILBERT

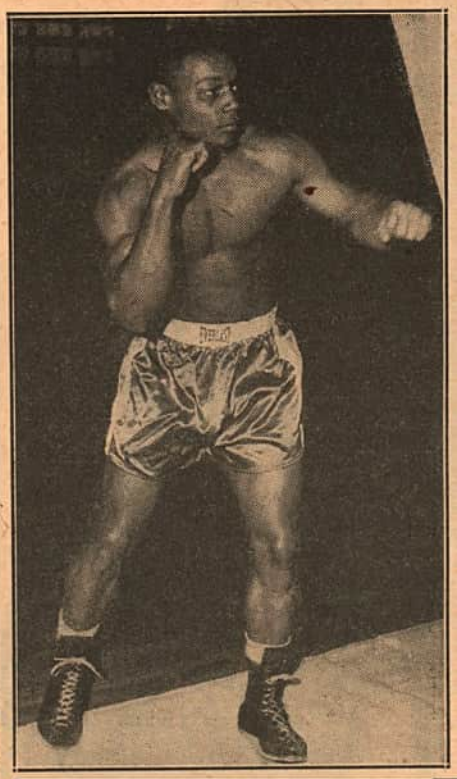
FOR a unique, unprecedented global boxing tournament, fighters will come to Chicago late this month from points around the world—but they all will be Americans. The lure will be this year's Olympic Games, but the event at hand on the shores of Lake Michigan will be the Army and Air Force World Wide Olympic Boxing trials with the finals taking place in the huge Chicago Stadium on the night of June 11.

The Illinois city is the site of headquarters of the Fifth United States Army, which will act as tournament host, but the sponsor will be the Army Special Services Division, headed by Major Gen. Russell B. Reynolds.

Contestants have come from Army bases from every U.S. military theater on the globe. More than 200 boxers in 8-men teams were chosen and from these will come the men who will represent the U.S. Army in the Olympics.

The men represent the European Command, Far East Command, Pacific Area, Alaskan Department, six Army Areas in the United States, Military District of Washington, the four major Air Force Areas of sports in this country and the major overseas Air Force Commands.

Sgt. Ken Lindley, of Medford, Oregon, an Andrews Air Force Base fighter, who is one of the best welters in the service.



Pfc. Nathaniel Samuels, Philadelphian, who has scored 50 kayoes in 59 battles.

AN outstanding Army battler is Leland Pillen, member of the 82nd Airborne Division "Assassins" from Fort Bragg, who swept amateur competition in the New York Golden Gloves this year only to lose his final bout in the Garden. He is a paratrooper. Pillen, 22-year-old, broad-shouldered welterweight, with a lethal right and left, hails from Flint, Michigan, and was welterweight champ of the 101st Airborne Division in the ETO, middleweight champ of the Seventh Army in 1947, and finished the present season by winning the Golden Gloves in Charleston, Greenville, Raleigh, Charlotte and New York. As holder of the Eastern Golden Gloves welterweight title, Pillen was defeated by Dick Guerrero of Chicago for the National Golden Glove title.

Other members of the "Assassins" who went to the quarter finals in the Eastern Golden Gloves were Ben Macial, lightweight, and Beto Garcia from Los Angeles.

An outstanding boxer from the Air Force is Sergeant Kenneth Lindley, of Andrews Field, Washington, D. C. Lindley is easily tops among the welterweights in his area.

From Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, Pfc. Nathaniel Samuels, a middleweight, has been attracting much attention in service boxing. In two years competition, he has had 59 fights, in which he scored 50 knockouts and gained 3 decisions.

From Hawaii, Roy Higa made a successful defense of his Pacific bantamweight title. Higa, a native-born Hawaiian, on his first trip to the United States in December

Leland Pillen, 82nd Division champion, who did well in the recent Golden Gloves tournaments.

1947, won the Air Transport Command tournament in Washington, D. C., with straight KO's.

Fourth Army's heavyweight champion, T/Sergeant Relius J. Broussard, started boxing in high school in Iberia, La., and since then has fought from the United States to Africa, Europe and back, winning the Stars and Stripes championship in London in 1942, and the African Command title in Iran in 1943. A clever boxer with a fast right hand, Broussard is a strong contender for the Army and Air Force heavyweight championship.

T/Sgt. Relius Broussard, who fought for the army in Africa, Europe and in this country. He's in the Air Force and is a heavyweight.

An Immovable Body

That's What the Scribes Called Frank Klaus, a Middleweight Who Was Rugged, Tough and Had Heaps of Endurance— On a Par With Harry Greb as a Top Battler

By THE RING EDITOR

THE death of Frank Klaus, who recently passed away in his home in Pittsburgh, Pa., after an extended illness, has brought the middleweight division into the fistic spotlight. Because of the various claims to the crown that followed the killing of Stanley Ketchel, the archives of boxing contain a rather jumbled record of that chaotic period. Listed among the title claimants following the death of the Michigan Assassin, were Klaus, Jimmy Clabby, Billy Papke, Frank Mantell, Cyclone Johnny Thompson, and Eddie McGoorty, but the man who had by far the best claim of all was Klaus.

Though Mantell laid claim to world honors when he gained the decision over Papke on Washington's Birthday, 1912, neither he nor Billy had any right to the crown. It was only after Klaus had won from Jack Dillon; won on a foul from Georges Carpentier in 19 rounds in Paris after handing Gorgeous Georges a terrific shellacking; beat Marcel Moreau, second best Frenchman, and stopped Marcel Boine, that the French Federation asked Klaus and Billy Papke to sign for a fight in which the vacant crown would be at stake. After Klaus won in 15 rounds on a foul, he was generally accepted as the new king of the division. In 1908 Papke stopped Mantell in one round and in 1912 Mantell beat Billy in 12.

Frank Klaus, the Pittsburgh Bearcat.

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WHEN one considers that Papke had been beaten twice, once by Cyclone Johnny Thompson and again by Bob Moha, each of whom was at the required weight of 158 pounds while Papke was over the weight limit of the middleweight class, and this was accomplished before Mantell caught up with Billy in California, he can readily understand why the Pittsburgh Bearcat was generally favored as the best man in the division.

In 1909 and 1910, Klaus clashed with the world's best middleweights and men scaling many pounds over that class, among them the three leaders in the division—Ketchel, Papke and Harry Lewis. Each bout was a six-round, no-decision affair in which Klaus' rivals received as much as they had delivered. In the case of Ketchel, it took him and his manager several days of earnest conversational effort to explain why the great middleweight king was unable to stop his rival, for the odds were in Stanley's favor by a good margin. On several occasions Klaus pleaded for another shot at Ketchel but Stanley would have no more of the Pittsburgh Bearcat.

Klaus had one of those Joe Grim-Jim Jeffries-Battling Nelson-Ad Wolgast jaws that defied any blow. He could take 'em until the cows came home. In addition he was a sturdy fellow who could keep going at top speed. He could take a punch without flinching and though only 5 feet 7 inches tall, he could hold his own against the big men as well as the small middleweights. With big shoulders, deep chest and serviceable legs, he made an ideal fighter. In many respects he resembled Harry Greb.

One of the greatest ring battles seen in New York in the days immediately following the enactment of the Frawley Law in New York, was that between Klaus and Cyclone Johnny Thompson. Frank won on points but the contest that was waged between these two aggressive middleweights was one that reminded the fans of the meeting of an irresistible force and an immovable body.

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PARAPHRASING that time-worn expression, it may be said that the Pittsburgh Bearcat, as Klaus was known, represented the body and the Sycamore Cyclone, the force, in this mill which was staged by Tom O'Rourke at his beautiful National Sporting Club on August 17, 1911. It was one of the most grueling matches of the period and though a no-decision affair according to the law of the day, if any verdict were given, Klaus would have gotten in by a hair-line margin because of his solid smashes which made Thompson's body look like a huge piece of raw beef. I had Klaus ahead on points and so wrote in my story of the fight for the New York *Press*, with which I then was associated.

When Thompson and Klaus entered the ring, Thompson was hailed by the crowded house because only a few months before in Sydney, Australia, he had whipped Papke in 20 rounds and was now claiming the world title. The fans were curious to see the Cyclone in action and when he got going against Klaus, they soon learned how he had accomplished the Australian victory. They saw a fighter with tremendous ruggedness who could stand up against Klaus' best wallops.

With the first gong, Johnny dashed from his corner to meet his man and the manner in which he rushed forth indicated that he aimed to rush Frank right into the press stand. His peculiar style of attack and defense offered a problem for Klaus, who at once proceeded to mix it with his adversary.

Klaus' most terrible punches, however, landing solidly, failed to bring any results and he was puzzled. In a half aggressive, half protective fashion, Johnny flew at his man and for several rounds Klaus made the grave mistake of trying to swap blows with the Cyclone. He found that he was wrong because he couldn't figure out his opponent's defense.

Klaus finally decided to lay off and shoot long blows at Thompson. He found that if he timed his man properly, he could time a clever uppercut as Cyclone rushed in, head down and arms flying dangerously. Soon Klaus got over one after the other and before long he had Thompson's head in a whirl as the uppercuts kept shaking him up. It was those vicious uppercuts that finally enabled Klaus to carry off the honors according to the scribes at the ringside, though the bout as already explained, was tabbed as a no-decision mill.

The crowd was in an uproar in the fifth round when Klaus crashed a left to Thompson's eye and closed it completely, but even that handicap failed to stop *(Continued on page 34)*

TRAINING CAMPS VITAL

Joe Louis May Find, in Coming Match with Walcott, That Joyriding in Europe Is Not Conducive to the Attainment of a Boxer's Peak Physical and Fistic Form—Times Have Changed Since Olden Days

By JERSEY JONES

IN tabbing, or attempting to tab, the probable result of Joe Louis' encore meeting with Jersey Joe Walcott, listed for June 23 at New York's Yankee Stadium, the matter of physical and fistic condition is one that assumes robust proportions. It is one that could be the deciding factor in the impending fracas.

It would seem, to the casual observer, that Louis pursued a definitely wrong course when he hopped over to Europe on his recent exhibition jaunt.

A joyride of that sort—and that's all the tour was, though a highly profitable one from a financial standpoint—hardly is calculated to help Shufflin' Joe attain the sort of condition, physically and pugilistically, expected for a match that means so much to him.

Recalling his disappointing performance against Walcott in Madison Square Garden last winter, the logical move for Louis would have been to hie himself off to the woods or mountains somewhere, and put in two or three months of rugged preliminary toughening-up before buckling down to the routine month's training camp grind.

But, apparently, the heavyweight champion does not regard Walcott any more seriously now than he did before their first meeting.

Louis, of course, is old enough and experienced enough to know what he is doing.

But it is a bit difficult to refrain from asking: Does he?

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IT was a fat and flabby Joe Louis who returned, in late April, from his European holiday. At 34—a ripe old age, indeed, in a rugged profession that stresses youth as a prime requisite—Shufflin' Joe may find two months an exceedingly short time in which to do all the things that should be done.

Louis' schedule calls for him to spend the first month at Roane Farm, in Bloomingdale, Mich., about 160 miles from Detroit and 25 miles from Kalamazoo. That month will be devoted to roadwork, tree chopping and other hardening-up exercises.

Then Joe will head for his favorite training camp site at Pompton Lakes, N. J., and put in the second month at the more formal and familiar conditioning program, which embraces about five or six miles on the road in the morning, and boxing sessions Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Louis confronts a much more serious problem in attaining physical and fistic fitness for the June 23 engagement than does the equally aged but determined Walcott.

Joe Louis mixing it with royalty. Here he is seen sitting at a fight in Albert Hall with Lord Alanbrooke. They are watching the anti-aircraft command matches.

Despite a rather busy program of refereeing assignments, boxing exhibitions and other public appearances, Jersey Joe has not been neglecting the very important matter of keeping himself in condition. Even now, he looks fit and ready to step in with Louis at a moment's notice. When he settles down to official training at his South Jersey camp, Walcott will require little more than a normal schedule to smooth out what few rough edges he may have collected since his Garden meeting with Louis.

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TIMES have changed, and radically, since the days of Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Jeffries and that crowd. And even since the more recent eras of Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney.

Training was a grim, serious matter to the old-timers. They didn't fight often, but when they did they usually put in months of intensive conditioning campaigns.

Ten or fifteen miles of morning roadwork was the usual thing, and it was not uncommon for them to box anywhere from ten to twenty rounds in an afternoon. (Nowadays, it is seldom that a fighter, even a Louis or a Walcott, extends his sparring sessions beyond six rounds.)

Training camps were just that with the old boys. Generally, they were pitched in isolated sectors, off in the woods or the hills, away from crowds and other distractions, and were used not only for physical conditioning, but for studying and practicing feints, shifts, counter punches and other offensive and defensive measures to offset the individual styles of the opponents for whom they were training.

The ringmen of those days didn't merely go through the mechanical motions as the current crop seems content to do. There was a definite purpose behind everything they did. The old boys made serious efforts to know their trade.

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WE recall ambling along with Gene Tunney to Uncle Tom Luther's picturesque spot at Saratoga Lake in 1925. Gene was to prep there for his meeting with Tom Gibbons at the Polo Grounds.

"How much admission are you planning to charge the public for your workouts?" Luther asked.

"Nothing," replied Tunney.

Uncle Tom seemed surprised.

Gene hastened to explain.

"When you charge admission," he said, "you're expected to give a show. I'm not here for that. I'm here to train for an important bout. When I work out, it won't be with the idea of entertaining the public with fancy boxing exhibitions. I'll be doing a lot of

experimenting and practicing in there, and at times I may look very awkward and clumsy. So there'll be no admission charged. If anybody wants to come in, he'll be welcomed, but if he doesn't like what he sees, he'll be free to leave without complaining that he didn't get his money's worth."

Typical of how Tunney prepared for an important match was his hiring of a certain sparring partner during that siege at Luther's.

We were sitting on the porch of the hotel one evening, shortly before Gene was to begin his boxing sessions.

"Gibbons' best punch is a left hook," Gene said. "He really is a marvel with that hook, and if I'm to win this fight, I've got to find some way to check it. Who's the best left-hooker you know who'd be willing to come up here for a week or two."

We pondered the problem for a few moments.

"The best one around is Phil Krug, a middleweight of Harrison, N. J.," we replied. "Phil uses a left hook a good deal like Gibbons does. But Phil may not be available. He was operated on for appendicitis recently, and has been out of the hospital only a few weeks. It may be too risky for him to box with you."

"Oh, I won't hit him," Tunney said. "I'll have enough good big fellows to box with. All I'll want Krug for is to keep pegging those left hooks at me, so I can concentrate on ways to handle them."

Krug was contacted, and agreed to fill the order.

How well Tunney profited from those sessions with Phil was amply evidenced when Gene completely immobilized Gibbons' pet punch, handed Tom a thorough lacing, and knocked him out in the twelfth.

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IT was the advent of Tex Rickard on the scene that transformed training camps into something more than merely conditioning centers for fighters.

Rickard inaugurated the era of high-pressured ballyhoo in boxing, and the camps became the headquarters for most of it.

Press accommodations became an integral part of the camps, and all sorts of attractive inducements were offered boxing writers, sports editors and feature columnists and cartoonists to remain on the premises for days at a stretch.

In recent years much of the glamor and excitement of those days have disappeared. The war correspondents now have little incentive to hang around the camps before or after "office hours." They drop in just before workouts, interview the fighters and their handlers, dig up what stories they can, and head right back to town.

The old swashbuckling days of Billy McCarney, Jack Kearns and Joe Jacobs have gone the way of buttoned shoes, the five-cent cigar and Milady's bustles. The familiar faces of Hype Igoe, Jack Miley, Bill Farnsworth and others who tossed real color and action into the general scene have disappeared. The newer generation lacks the flamboyancy and devil-may-care spirit of the old-timers.

No longer does one hear of a Harry Grayson or a Herman Donsky collecting a batch of empty beer bottles and using the long wide hallway of Tom Luther's hotel for a bowling alley at 4:30 in the morning.

Or of a Pete Reilly installing an "electric chair" in the lobby of the Stanley Hotel in Lakewood for unsuspecting guests to encounter somewhat shocking receptions.

Or of the mob becoming entangled with an undertakers' convention in Conneaut Lake and having some strange events develop therefrom.

When Jersey Joe Walcott and Joe Louis signed for their return engagement at the Yankee Stadium on June 23. Col. Eddie Eagan, Chairman of the New York Boxing Commission is gleefully watching the handshaking.

Such things, in retrospect, may seem silly and childish, but they did help to enliven matters and add to the festive gaiety of the training camps.

And out of it all came many an unusual story that aided materially in stirring up the interest of the populace—and increasing the box-office activities—in the forthcoming fistic extravaganzas.

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ONE of the most notable instances of a fight being built up by "unorthodox" publicity tactics was supplied by Tommy Farr's camp in Long Branch, N. J., where the Welshman prepped for his 1937 meeting with Joe Louis at the Yankee Stadium.

The bout was Louis' first as heavyweight champion. Two months previously he had taken the title from Jim Braddock in Chicago.

Aside from a decision over the erratic Max Baer in London, there was nothing in Farr's record to establish Tommy as a foeman worthy of Shufflin' Joe's keen steel.

But he was the British champion, and Promoter Mike Jacobs was intrigued by the "international angle."

The job of Mike's publicity staff was to "sell" Farr to a skeptical American public.

But Tommy, in his workouts at Long Branch, failed to reveal any exceptional talents. He was tough, strong, durable and confident, but apparently lacking in the sort of fistic equipment expected in one bidding for the heavyweight title.

The almost unanimous verdict of the critics and fans who looked him over was: "Aw, Louis will knock this bum out in a hurry."

Trying to publicize the Welshman on the basis of his ring qualifications became a precarious assignment.

So the ballyhoo detoured away from Farr as a fighter and began to concentrate on a wealth of unusual and "natural" copy offered by Tommy personally and his strange menage.

What a setup that was!

The troupe occupied a large 14-room house fronting on the ocean, about a mile from the stadium where Tommy did his training.

That house never knew a dull moment, and the weird shenanigans of its inmates produced some really terrific stories!

For one thing, Farr was at loggerheads with his manager, Ted Broadribb, and any conversations that became necessary between them generally were conducted through third parties, often with exciting results.

Tommy not only was in frequent arguments with the other members of his entourage, but at times he carried his embattled moods into interviews with visiting scribes, threatening to punch this one on the nose, or toss that one out on his ear.

The chef, a chubby gent named Barker, was discovered one afternoon belting away lustily at a ham he had hung from the lighting fixtures on the kitchen ceiling.

"What's the idea?" asked a surprised caller.

"Just punching the bag," Barker replied. "Everybody in this joint is fighting, so I may as well get into shape myself."

Jerry Casale, major domo of the establishment, took fiendish delight in toting around a pair of scissors and snipping the suspenders of unsuspecting victims.

Broadribb picked up an ancient adding machine to assist him in keeping tabs on the camp's expenses. It was quite a gadget.

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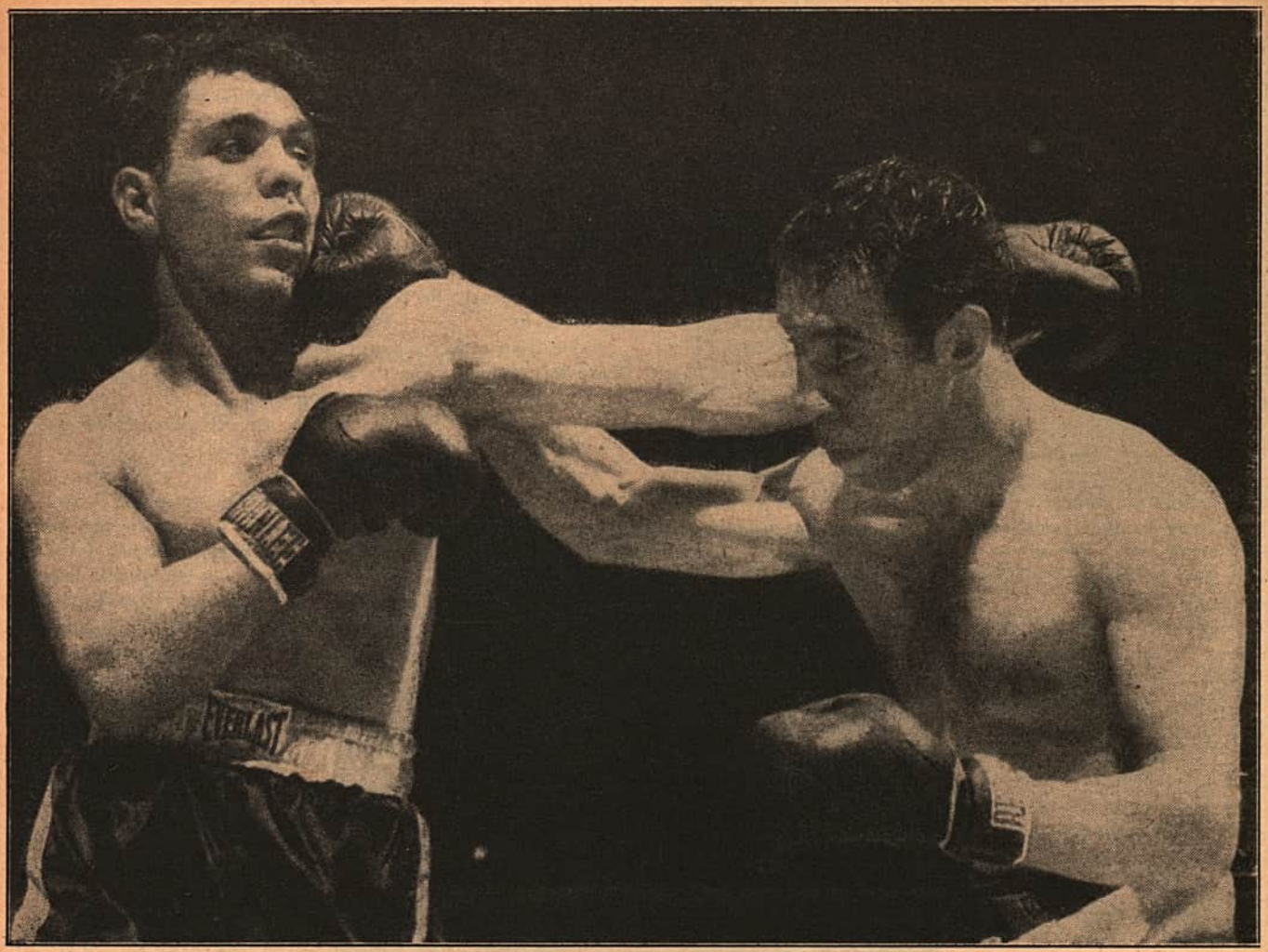
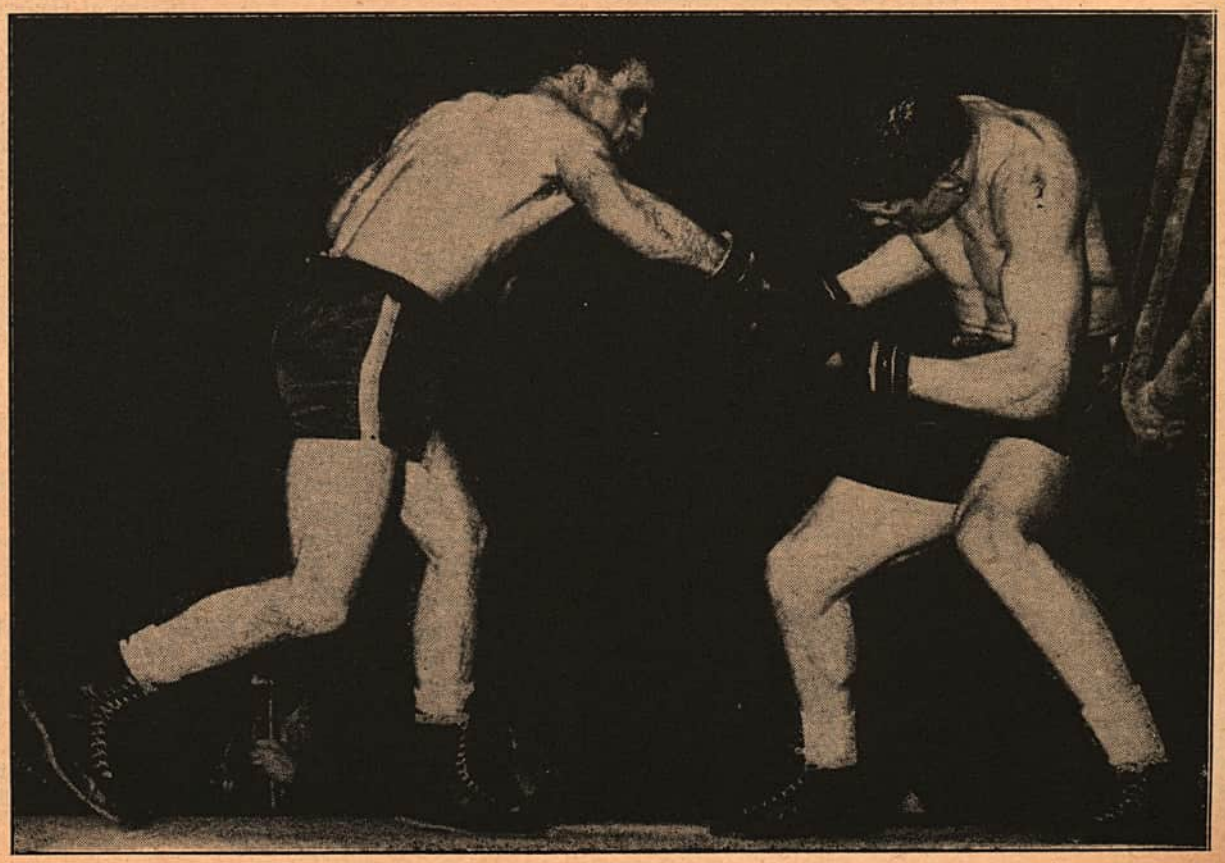
IN THE NEWS OF THE MONTH



Paddy DeMarco crashes his right against the cheek of Terry Young in their return engagement in Madison Square Garden which DeMarco again won on a split decision. DeMarco lets Terry's left slip past his head. The contest was not as tough as their first one, but had sufficient thrills to keep the crowd of 17,114 on edge throughout. The receipts grossed $75,851.



Marcel Cerdan lands with a stiff right as he works Lucien Krawczyk along the ropes in their ten round affair at the Palais Des Sports in Paris. Cerdan won the decision.

CALIFORNIA HEADLINERS

By HARRY WINKLER

Johnny O'Neil, promising Oakland Irish heavyweight.

LAURO SALAS

ANOTHER Mexican Firecracker is exploding in the faces of California boxers. This fiery little battler from Below the Border is Lauro Salas, who was brought to California by Roger Leighton, Hollywood's handsome importer of larruping Latins.

This story on Salas is brief, partly because he "no savvy Engleesh" and Manager Leighton's knowledge of Spanish is as bad as the writer's. However, Salas says plenty with his fists and the California boxing fans are doing his talking for him. He is one of the best action fighters in the state.

Salas has been boxing, both amateur and professional, less than two years. He was runner-up for the amateur bantam title in Mexico in 1946. Entered pro boxing in Texas, engaging in a few bouts down there. Lauro has fought 15 times since arriving in California, losing but two of them. That he is a tough and rugged youngster, as well as a glove-thrower, can be gleaned by the calibre of his opponents, who include Raul Campos, Pee Wee Swingler, Felix Ramirez, Bobby Dykes, Sammy Anders, Al Sandoval, etc.

Salas was born at Monterrey, Mex., Aug. 18, 1928. Like many others of the Mexican youths who come from Monterrey, Lauro is a good dancer and swimmer. Unlike many of them, he plays golf. That Salas is an apt pupil is proven by the great improvement he has made since campaigning under Leighton's direction. His ambition is reflected by the fact that he is attending night school learning English (in hopes of becoming a citizen of United States), his habits of clean living and tireless efforts in his training. We will hear more of Lauro Salas.

Lauro Salas, the "Mexican Firecracker".

Ernie Lauterio, Golden Gloves champ now doing well in pro ranks.

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J. T. ROSS

"AND in this corner, that hard punching middleweight of San Jose—J. T. Ross." Yes, that's his complete moniker. Says he never had a first name, just to call him "J. T." Okeh, but if there are to be initials in front of that Ross, K.O. would be the appropriate ones.

It was in September, 1946, that a gangling, raw-boned youth accosted Ted Walker at the D.A.V. gym in San Jose, saying he wanted to become a boxer and had just quit his job so that he could devote his entire time toward such a career. Such determination and ambition, along with his choice of handler, gave Ross two strikes on the opposition, for, in Ted Walker, the boy lined up with a man well known as a developer of good fighters.

Ross engaged in 12 amateur bouts, winning all, and most of them by the kayo route. He entered the professional ring early last year. Has had 25 contests, being defeated but once, with one bout a draw. Of his 23 victories, 18 of them were knockouts. Best known of his victims were Chester Slider, Frankie Gimbell, Billy McGee, Leroy Wade and Paul Kaylor.

J. T. now fights at 160 pounds, but, standing 6 ft. 2, and large boned, he figures to develop into a light-heavy. He is of Scotch-Irish parentage and any judge of fighting flesh will tell you that a blond haired youth of those bloods possesses courage and fighting spirit, which he certainly does.

J. T. Ross, hard punching middleweight from San Jose.

Ross was born at East Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 5, 1924. Is married and has two children. I didn't ask him if he has a hobby, for, I am sure he has and I think I know what it is,—knocking his opponents stiff. Sort of mixing pleasure with business. Nice work, if you can do it.

Ted Walker refuses to hurry the boy along. He points to the boxers who stay up there. Willie Pep, Ray Robinson, et al., were taken along slowly. "Ross will reach the top and stay there. We're in no hurry. We have plenty of time."

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BOXING REPLETE WITH RAGS *to* RICHES STORIES

Old Age Financial Security Afforded to Many Who Started From the Bottom of the Economic Ladder

By JOHN S. STUART

WHATEVER may be said of pugilism, one thing can't be denied. In no other calling on the face of the earth do those of such humble beginnings gain the wealth and fame that comes the way of famous boxers. The natural abilities necessary for success in the ring, seem to be handed out by the Almighty only to those who come from the very bottom of the economic ladder. The financial rewards that come to ring champions, most of them members of the under-privileged groups from the very lowest strata of society, can't be matched in any business, trade, or profession.

A young hobo climbs off a freight train and makes millions of dollars; slum kids set up the old folks in luxury with the gold gleaned from the boxing business; unskilled laborers, field-hands, are paid more money than they ever knew existed for their labors in the roped arena. In nothing else does this occur with the consistency that it does in boxing. It almost seems as if the game were created as an escape from the economic slavery in which most of its famous figures were spawned.

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THIS has been the case since the first prize fight. The information contained in Nat Fleischer's recent RECORD BOOK disclosing that old John L. Sullivan earned more than one million dollars, left everyone pop-eyed with amazement. And this more than a half century ago! That kind of dough in those days, before modern income taxes and inflationary prices stood for fantastic earning power.

The great tragedy of all this in days gone by, has invariably been that while the rewards of ring success are great, the ultimate benefit derived from their quickly acquired wealth by pugilists, has been scant. More often than not, riotous living, plus the free and easy spending typical of most fighters, has doomed the boys to an old age beset by economic difficulty. So much so, that for years it has almost been taken for granted that not only horse players—but fighters too—had to die broke.

It is agreeable to report that present-day boxers are showing some signs of disproving this. While they are still recruited overwhelmingly from the lowest ranks of society, the educational level is considerably higher today among fighters than it was in the old days. This superior knowledge has made the boys more conscious of their futures and more qualified to put the money earned now to work for them when they are no longer able to work for it.

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A STANDOUT in the new order is the welterweight, Ray Robinson. A street kid scrambling through the teeming thoroughfares of Harlem, Ray, unlike some of his fellows, early learned the value of a buck. Literate and naturally intelligent, Sugar, although he may give that impression, is far from an easy-come-easy-go guy. In his boyhood days, Ray realized early that life without money wasn't really living at all, what with empty stomachs, the knock of the landlord, and ragged pants making things most unpleasant and unenjoyable.

Wise enough to see that the years of his earning power formed just a fraction of his entire life, the Sugar Baby determined to make his active days as a pugilist insure him against the return of the hungry years of his babyhood.

No dummy, the shrewd Sugar Baby reasoned that, let the future bring what it may, he'd always have a roof over his head, and that rent collecting, the bane of his boyhood, would be the joy of his old age because he'd be the one doing it. For the past three years Ray has acquired real estate holdings worth conservatively one quarter of a million dollars.

He owns three apartment houses outright, two of them in New York and one in Cleveland. He has a 15 room private house in the Bronx, and is one up on the numerous fighter owners of restaurants, since the one he operates is located in the apartment house he himself owns in Harlem.

The welter king has sundry other investments but considers his realty interests foolproof as far as his future security goes, and so they seem to be.

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ROUGH Jake LaMotta's style in the ring isn't considered a smart one, since the Bronx Bull is a bruising, boring-in, battler who is willing to take one to get one in. Outside the ring it's something else again though. Jake is one of the few fighters to own fight arenas as well as fight in them.

LaMotta last year took possession of the Park Arena in the Bronx, formerly the Blenheim Theater and ran boxing shows successfully there all last winter. Interesting sidelight of the deal reveals that Jake in his kid days was noted for his pestiferous attempts at crashing the gate of the small show house. More often than not, these forays failed and little Jacob was tossed back out on the sidewalk. Today he owns the building from which he was so frequently ejected for sneaking into the movies!

LaMotta also recently took title to a huge parking lot adjacent to the Yankee Stadium for a price said to be $60,000. Jake intends to build upon this property eventually, but parking and concession privileges from the spot are set at an estimated $17,500 yearly.

Jake also owns his own home. LaMotta may not impress as a "cutey" in the ring but he certainly seems to know his way around where a dollar is involved.

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GIVING credit where credit is due, the man who set the style of looking ahead to that rainy day and made his fellow pugilists more conscious than ever before of preparing for it was undoubtedly Gene Tunney.

Gene, son of a poor longshoreman on New York's West Side, received $990,000 for his second fight with Dempsey in Chicago on September 22, 1927. Gene is not only worth all of that plus—today—his business interests are continually expanding. Indicative of Gene's position in the world of affairs is his disdain for doing even his own car driving. Mr. Tunney some time ago, reached the estate where he became one of the rare ex-fighters to avail himself of a uniformed chauffeur, no less.

Owner of two fine homes, one in the swank Greenwich section of Connecticut, the other in Hobe County, Florida, Gene lives the combined life of a business bigwig and a country squire.

On the board of directors of numerous corporations, Tunney at last reports was involved in a vast housing project into which he had sunk a huge bundle of cash. In the light of Gene's financial conservatism, one can rest assured that Mr. Tunney's investment must be practically foolproof and fully designed to make his own enviable security even more invulnerable.

More than any other individual Gene Tunney aroused fellow pugilists to the importance of providing for their declining years and if he had done nothing else, his life would be well spent.

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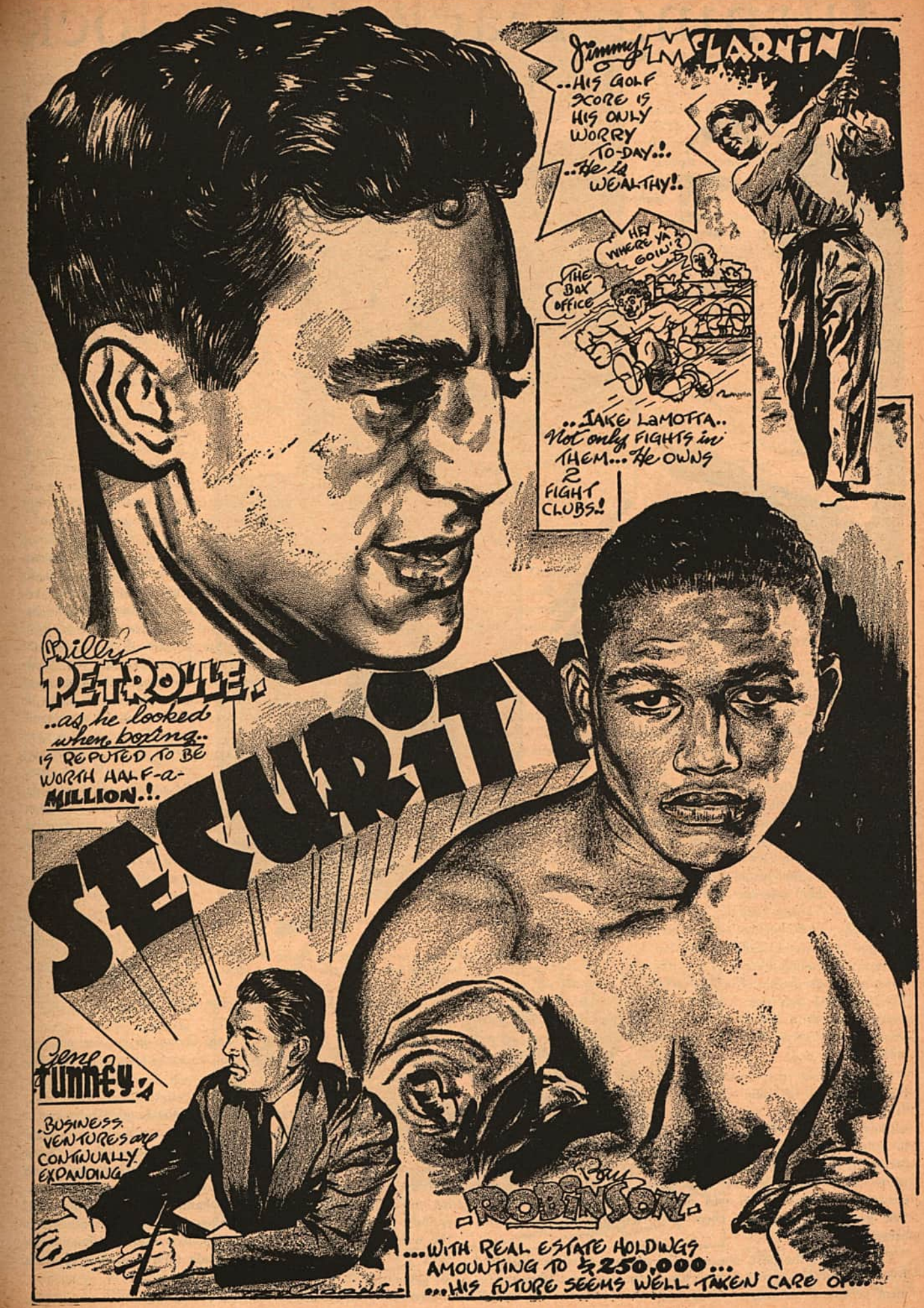
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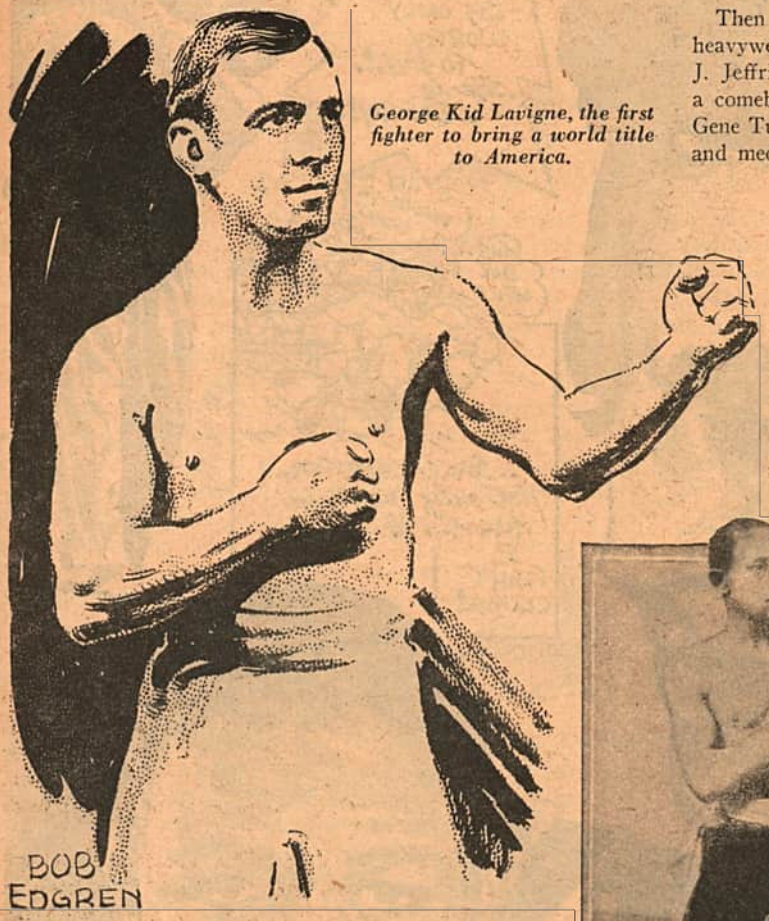
Turning Back *the* Clock

By THE HISTORIAN



George Kid Lavigne, the first fighter to bring a world title to America.

IT'S a far cry to the days when boxers fought with bared fists and the ring was pitched on the turf or snow in some lonely spot in the woods. It's a long time, 105 years to be exact, since Tom Hyer, a native born American, won the heavyweight championship of this country by defeating George McChester, better known as "Country McCloskey." The battle took place at Caldwell's Landing, N. Y., on September 9, 1841, and lasted 101 rounds or 2 hours and 55 minutes. That was the first heavyweight title bout in America. Yankee Sullivan, one of McCloskey's seconds, tossed in the sponge to end the gruelling mill.

Eight years later, Sullivan tackled Hyer and was beaten in 16 rounds lasting 17 minutes and 18 seconds. That bout took place at Rocky Point, Md., on January 10, 1849, and Sullivan was so terribly beaten that he spent many days in a hospital. The hitting powers of Hyer in these encounters scared off all opponents and Tom retired undefeated.

Lifting again the curtain of the past, there is revealed the tall figure of John C. Heenan, who was known as the "Benecia Boy." A six-footer, powerfully built, athletically inclined, he won the American heavyweight title, then went to England to fight Tom Sayers for world honors. In that battle, at the end of 32 rounds of terrific milling, the ropes were cut by rowdies, the bout continued without a referee for several rounds, then was declared a draw. The story of that great encounter has been too often told to be repeated here.

Peering into the past, one sees the medium-sized bewhiskered John Morrissey, a great fighter for his inches, who after retirement became a member of Congress.

Then appears the stout form of Jem Mace, the first world heavyweight champion to retire undefeated. In later years James J. Jeffries retired undefeated, then made the mistake of trying a comeback with Jack Johnson as his opponent, and still later, Gene Tunney followed Mace's example. In the days of Mace, belts and medals were quite the fad and that is why most of Mace's photos show him bedecked with trophies.

While many of the holders of titles in the early days of the ring were foreign born, the best performers in the heavyweight class were native Americans, among them John L. Sullivan, James J. Corbett, John C. Heenan, Hyer, Morrissey and Jim Jeffries of the later period. Today almost every heavyweight worth discussing is a native American.

Not much attention was paid to the lighter classes in the days of the London ring and except for the efforts of Arthur Chambers and Billy Edwards in the lightweight class and Tom Chandler, George Rooke and Mike Donovan in the middleweight division, little interest was aroused. It was not until the arrival of George Dixon and Terry McGovern in the bantam section and later into the featherweight class; until Joe Gans and Kid Lavigne appeared in the lightweight division and the Kid brought the lightweight title to America by defeating Dick Burge in England in 17 rounds; till Jack Dempsey, Tommy Ryan, Bob Fitzsimmons and Stanley Ketchel made the middleweight class famous, that the championships in the lighter divisions became of interest and were clearly defined. For a time, owing to fragmentary records, the compilation of data of the old timers was difficult, but after years of research, the Editor of this publication was able to compile an All-Time record book that has kept the deeds of these fistic heroes alive.

George Dixon, whose kayo of Nunc Wallace clinched world honors in the bantam class.

In view of the interest now being shown in the bantam division where a revival is taking place, an early history of this class is in order.

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THE title in the bantam class during the London rules regime was obscure and it was not until 1890 that there was a clearly defined titleholder in the person of George Dixon, "Little Chocolate," who in that year demonstrated his superiority over the American bantams and then clinched world honors by knocking out Nunc Wallace, the British champion, in 18 rounds at 112 pounds, the English limit of the class in those days. Since then the weight has been raised to 118 pounds. Several times in the past, holders of the crown have made their own weight limits, varying between 112 and 116 pounds.

Dixon did not defend the bantam crown more than a year when

he set sail for the featherweight championship then claimed by Cal McCarthy. In those days the limits of the various classes in America were bantam, 105; feather, 115; lightweight, 133; welterweight, 140, and middleweight, 154. With the retirement of Dixon from the bantam class, Jimmy Barry of Chicago laid claim to the title at 105 pounds and Casper Leon of Brooklyn, a great little Italian scrapper, who laid claim to the Eastern championship, challenged Barry. They met at Lamont, Ill., September 15, 1894, and Barry won by a knockout in the twenty-eighth round at 112 pounds.

Barry later won the world title by knocking out Walter Croot in London on December 6, 1897, fifty years ago. Croot died from the effects of the beating he received and Barry, still hale and hearty, is working for the city of Chicago. He retired undefeated in 1899, but to this day, is an interested spectator at all big fights in Chicago.

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TERRY McGOVERN claimed the title and he clinched the world laurels by stopping the British champion, Pedlar Palmer, at Tuckahoe on September 12, 1899. The weight agreed was 116 pounds ringside, but as it rained on the day of the fight, the boxers did not weigh in officially again on the following day but unofficial figures given to the press had each scaling 118 pounds.

Terry McGovern, whose knockout of Pedlar Palmer brought the world bantam title to the U.S.

McGovern went into the featherweight class in 1900 and Harry Forbes claimed the bantam title. Frankie Neil of San Francisco, the Pacific Coast's best bantam, was the next champion. He knocked out Forbes in two rounds at San Francisco on August 13, 1903. Neil later lost to Joe Bowker in London in a twenty-round bout for the world title at 118 pounds.

Neil retired and Jimmy Walsh of Boston laid claim to the crown. He boxed Digger Stanley of England for the world championship in London on May 24, 1909, at 118 pounds and the result was a draw. Walsh retired and Johnny Conlon, now living in Chicago and a prominent figure in boxing there, claimed the title in 1910. He boxed Kid Williams and was knocked out in three rounds in 1914 at 116 pounds, and as Williams previously had knocked out Ledoux, French and European titleholder, the world crown again came to America.

Johnny Ertle claimed the championship by reason of an alleged foul in a no-decision bout with Williams in St. Paul on September 10, 1915, but consensus of opinion of American boxing experts gathered through a questionnaire sent out by me as Sports Editor of the New York *Press*, failed to sustain Ertle and his claim did not obtain universal recognition. While Ertle was dubbed the champion of the Middle West, Kid Williams continued to be honored internationally as world titleholder. Pete Herman outpointed Williams on January 9, 1917, at New Orleans to win the crown and he in turn lost to Joe Lynch on December 22, 1920, and then regained the championship by outpointing Lynch on July 25, 1921.

A scene in the fight between John C. Heenan and Tom Sayers at Farnborough, England, in which the ropes were cut. Heenan was the first heavyweight champion of America to invade England in a battle for world honors.

Thus ends the early history of the bantam division, a review that takes in the first twenty years of this class. It is the only division in which the British fighters figured as prominently in those days as they do now. Interest in this division has perked up in recent months with the activity of Manuel Ortiz, the titleholder. There is a possibility that he will defend his crown in an international battle with the British champion this year.

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THE featherweight and lightweight classes, like the bantam, are chockful of history-making bouts. How the titleholders in the last twenty years came to their crown, is too recent to review. The majority of our readers are well acquainted with the fistic performances of such stars as Benny Leonard, Tony Canzoneri, Jimmy Goodrich, Rocky Kansas, Sammy Mandell, Al Singer, Lou Ambers, Barney Ross, Henry Armstrong, Lew Jenkins, Kid Chocolate, Louis Kid Kaplan, Bat Battalino, Freddie Miller, Johnny Dundee, Joey Archibald, Mike Belloise and Pete Scalzo to have us go into a detailed account leading up to the winning of a championship by each, but the historic data concerning those who came before World War 1 is not so readily known. Hence here's a short review of the early period of each of those divisions.

A large number of boxers aspired to the featherweight championship of America in the late '80s, the limit of the class in those days being 115 pounds. The chief contenders were Ike Weir of Ireland, Billy Murphy of Australia, and Johnny Griffin of Braintree, Mass., but none was able to clinch his claim to the title.

So far as Weir and Murphy were concerned, they had no right to contest for the American championship as neither was a citizen nor had any intention of becoming one. George Dixon of Boston and Cal McCarthy of Troy then loomed up as the leading contenders and Dixon won the title on March 31, 1891, at Troy, stopping the Trojan in the twenty-second round. The weight was 115 pounds ringside.

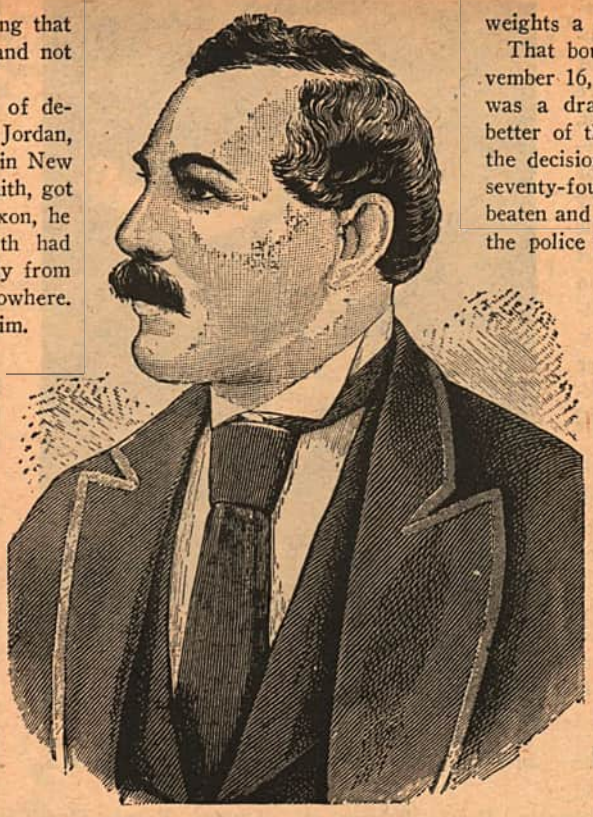
On July 28, 1891, Dixon knocked out Abe Willis, feather champ of England, in five rounds and thus became the world titleholder. Tom O'Rourke, Dixon's manager, then gradually raised the weight limit and stipulated 120 pounds for a title match with Solly Smith on October 4, 1897, at San Francisco, Smith getting the referee's decision at the end of twenty rounds. O'Rourke made a persistent effort to discredit Smith as champion, insisting that the battle should have been at 118

pounds instead of 120, thereby claiming that the bout was an overweight match and not for the crown.

O'Rourke succeeded to the extent of depriving Smith of a bout with Ben Jordan, featherweight champion of England, in New York on July 1, 1898. Dixon, not Smith, got the match and when Jordan beat Dixon, he claimed world honors, but as Smith had legitimately won the crown previously from "Little Chocolate," Jordan got nowhere. Even the British passed over his claim.

Smith then was matched with Dave Sullivan. They fought on September 26, 1898, at Coney Island. Smith broke his hand and had to quit in the fifth round. Dixon then challenged Sullivan and they met on November 11, 1898, at the Lenox A.C. in New York City, and Dixon regained the title by stopping Sullivan in the tenth round when his seconds tossed in the towel.

Dixon retained the crown until June 23, 1900, when he was kayoed by Terry McGovern in the eighth round at the Broadway A.C. They scaled 118 pounds for that fight, although Dixon had been meeting other opponents at from 122 to 126 pounds. O'Rourke made the weight terms to suit Dixon and got away with it.



Jem Mace, first heavyweight champion to retire undefeated.

In the case of McGovern, O'Rourke thought it would weaken the Brooklyn boy to make 118 pounds and therefore named that weight, but he was fooled for McGovern was as strong as a lion and won all the way. Terrible Terry held the title until November 28, 1901, when he was knocked out in the second round by Young Corbett at Hartford, Conn. The men scaled 126 pounds for that mill.

When Corbett graduated into the lightweight class, Abe Attell claimed the title and made good against the cream of the feathers until he was stopped by Tommy Sullivan in the fifth round on October 13, 1904, at St. Louis. Four years later, April 30, 1908, Abe regained the crown by stopping Sullivan in San Francisco in four rounds. It was not until Washington's birthday, 1912, that Attell again lost the championship when Johnny Kilbane relieved him of it in a twenty-round bout at 122 pounds. Kilbane ruled supreme until June 2, 1923, when he was knocked out by Eugene Criqui at the Polo Grounds in New York City.

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THE title of lightweight class in the United States was tussled over by foreigners until the early '90s, when Jack McAuliffe, who was born in Ireland, retired undefeated and gave the opportunity to George Lavigne, a native American, to claim and successfully defend the championship for several years. Abe Hicken was the first recorded titleholder and when he retired in 1872, three Englishmen, Arthur Chambers, Billy Edwards and Johnny Clark, fought it out for the championship. Chambers came out on top, beating Edwards and Clark, after which, for lack of opponents, the title was permitted to lapse.

In 1884, Jack McAuliffe began to show class, and after winning several amateur competitions, he challenged a rival, Jimmy Mitchen, to box for the title. Mitchen declined, whereupon McAuliffe claimed the crown and defended the American championship with great success. McAuliffe later went a step further and declared himself world champion and he found the British up in arms, as a result. Their contention was that Jack could lay claim only to the American honors, as he had never fought the British titleholder and to settle the dispute, it was agreed to have McAuliffe clash with Jem Carney, British Empire king of lightweights a most talented overseas fighter.

That bout took place at Revere Beach, November 16, 1887, and though the official verdict was a draw, the consensus gave Carney the better of the mill. The British deeply resented the decision. The ring was broken into in the seventy-fourth round when McAuliffe was being beaten and all hands dispersed at the report that the police were nearing the scene for a raid. The fight took place in a barn and while the men were in action, a Salvation Army meeting was taking place on the floor below.

In McAuliffe's bout with Young Griffo at Coney Island, August 22, 1893, the referee called the affair a draw though the Australian had rolled up the greater number of points and it was because those two international contests ended so unsatisfactorily that McAuliffe's world claim was blemished.

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IN the early '90s, George Lavigne, known as the Saginaw Kid and the Sawdust Kid, a product of the Michigan lumber woods, began to loom large as a knocker-outer. McAuliffe challenged the Kid, but first decided to try out the youngster in a short bout. It was a six-rounder, fought on March 11, 1896, in New York City and after sampling the Mid-Westerner's punches, McAuliffe decided to retire. Previously Jack had fought a three-round draw with Owen Ziegler.

Lavigne at once declared himself to be the head of the lightweights and went out to meet all who disputed his claim. The Kid's most notable feat was to bring the world title to America. He accepted a bout with Dick Burge, the British champion, to decide international supremacy. That affair took place on June 1, 1896, at the National Sporting Club of London and Lavigne won by a knockout in the seventeenth round.

Fame and fortune turned Lavigne's head and he set a fast pace for himself. When he clashed with Frank Erne in a championship mill, he received a bad beating and lost the world crown to Erne on July 3, 1899. Frank got the decision at the end of twenty rounds.

On May 12, 1902, Joe Gans came through with a great victory when he put Erne away at Fort Erie in one round to clinch world honors. Two years previously Erne had whipped Joe in twelve rounds.

For several years Jimmy Britt had disputed Gans' right to the crown, basing his argument on the statement that the Baltimore Wizard had refused to meet Jimmy in a title bout at 133 pounds ringside. They finally came together on October 31, 1904, at San Francisco and Gans won from Britt on a foul in twenty rounds. That ended Britt's claim to international honors.

Gans lost his title on July 4, 1908 to Battling Nelson. The story of that fight has been retold hundreds of times. By getting Gans in the ring at an unfair weight condition, with trunks and shoes, thus forcing Joe to scale only 131½ pounds, Nelson so far weakened Gans that he not only knocked the Marylander out in the seventeenth round, but prepared Joe for an early grave. He declined in health rapidly thereafter and died from tuberculosis in 1910.

Ad Wolgast won the crown from Nelson in the fortieth round of a vicious fight at Port Richmond, Cal., on Washington's birthday, 1910, and Willie Ritchie relieved Ad of the title on a foul in 1912 at Daly City, Cal. Ritchie lost the championship to Freddie Welsh in London on July 7, 1914, and while he still held the American title, he declined to defend it.

After spirited competition,

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NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

AT El Paso—Salvador Amaya, 110, decisioned David Vasquez, 110, four. Carlos Villava, 120, decisioned Antonio Armas, 121, four. Jacky Blair, 127, kayoed Gerardo Muniz, 132, one. Buddy Baggett, 111, decisioned Eulalio, Sarabia, 115, six. Manny Ortega, 125, kayoed Aurel Toma, 126, six.

At Corpus Christi—Harold Woodson, 168, kayoed Douglas Rhone, 166, three. Ray Ramon, 134, kayoed Shirley Coonce, 134, two. Carl Shobe, 190, kayoed Jack Vandermyn, 218, three. Tommy Ramirez, 148, decisioned Herschel Wallace, 145, six. Chango Patino, 144, T.K.O.'ed Bill Wilson, 142, six.

At Houston—Ted Agapion, 141, decisioned Eddie Weller, 145, four. Danny Stipanovich, 138, T.K.O.'ed Frankie Perone, 130, three. Bobby Dykes, 144, T.K.O.'ed Ernie Duarte, 146, five. Louis Berlier, 192, decisioned Lamar Stanford, 182, six. Jimmy Curl, 166, kayoed Louis Rousse, 161, five.

At El Paso—Frankie Dozal, 130, decisioned Francisco Guzman, 137, four. David Padilla, 122½, and Ignacio Godinez, 127½, drew, four. Ramon Perez, 140½, decisioned Pedro Alvarez, 141½, four. Alexander Bunton, 141, kayoed Ray Stalling, 135, two. Diego Hidalgo, 149, kayoed Francisco Martinez, 145, one. Adolfo Quijano, 180, kayoed Bob Sikes, 193½, seven.

At El Paso—Lorenzo Arena, 118, decisioned Carlos Villava, 121, four. Salvador Marez, 128, decisioned Daniel Quintero, 130, four. Jacky Blair, 128, kayoed Francisco Dozal, 130, four. Pablo Zamora, 113, decisioned James Allen Baggett, 112, six. Jesus Fonseca, 122, kayoed Joe Amaya, 123, five.

At Galveston—Stanley Jones, 147, kayoed McCarl Gilmore, 148, three. Shirley Coonce, 134, decisioned Joe Robinson, 135, four. Johnny McJunkin, 152, decisioned Pete Sanchez, 147, six. Chango Patino, 146¾, T.K.O.'ed Ernie Duarte, 149, four. Vic Grupico, 135¼, decisioned Choforo Martinez, 142, ten.

At Houston—Gene Bonner, 183, decisioned Charles M. Pierce, 191, six. O'Neal Crocker, 180, decisioned Carl McPherson, 181, four. Stanley Jones, 155, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Victor Penn, 160, three. Alfred Garcia, 151, T.K.O.'ed Herschel Wallace, 146, five. Louis Berlier, 182, decisioned Lee Campione, 181, ten. Eddie Lamarr, 182, T.K.O.'ed Rupert Whatley, 184, five.

At El Paso—Simon Rangel, 130, decisioned Ignacio Godinez, 126, four. Eusebio Hernandez, 144, decisioned Ramon Perez, 143½, four. Salvador Marez, 130, decisioned Francisco Dozal, 132, four. James A. Baggett, 111, decisioned Pablo Zamora, 114, eight. Luis Castillo, 118, decisioned Jesus Fonseca, 119¾, ten.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

PROMOTER LOUIS MESSINA opened his featherweight elimination tournament with a ten-round bout between Humberto Sierra, Cuban featherweight champion, and Jose (Baby) Gonzales, Mexico City, at Municipal Auditorium Friday, April 9, and Sierra was stopped in the fourth round. He suffered badly from the kayo, but refused to go to a hospital for treatment. This ends Sierra's bid for featherweight honors as he previously was halted by Willie Pep, the champion.

Pat Donahue outpointed Jesus Lamela, Cuban welterweight, in a ten-rounder staged by Heard Ragas and Lew Raymond at the Coliseum Arena. Donahue has been on a winning streak for the Ragas-Raymond combine. He hails from Algiers, La., across the river from New Orleans and is managed by Charley Rodriguez, former featherweight fighter and gymnasium proprietor.

Jesse Mull, New Orleans middleweight, defeated Billy Spangler, Florida slugger, in a five-rounder. Lawton Disoso, New Orleans featherweight, managed by "Whitey" Esnault, won in five rounds over Snooks Howard, Miami, Fla., Herbert Mueller, 141-pounder fought a five-round draw with Billy Decker, 144½, Miami, Fla. "Red" Holt decisioned Johnny Longo, Baltimore, Md., in four rounds.

Two thousand fans paid a net gate of $3,122 to witness the card.

Ben Linam, Houston, Texas, welterweight, scored his third New Orleans ring victory when he decisioned Ben Montabano, Birmingham, Ala., in the feature ten-round bout staged by the Ragas-Raymond firm at the Coliseum Arena.

Linam had previously defeated Cosby Linson and Norman Rubio in ten-rounders.

Keith Hamilton decisioned Buddy Hughes in a six-rounder. Hamilton hails from New Orleans, Hughes from Austin, Tex., they are lightweights. Val Valentine, Denver, Colo., featherweight, won a five-rounder from Juan Santamaria, Mexican slugger. Mickey McGuire, Buffalo, N. Y., middleweight, stopped Ade Hunt, New Orleans, in the first round of a five-rounder. Ralph Silverman, Tulane University student, stopped Joey Conroy, in the third round of a four. 1970 fans paid a net gate of $2,917.65.

Bobby McQuillar, Port Huron, Mich., Negro lightweight, has become a big drawing card here. He stopped Candy McDaniels, Cincinnati, O., in nine rounds and drew with Joe Brown, New Orleans comer, in ten rounds. Promoter Louis Messina is staging Negro shows regularly and can be contacted at the Gypsy Tea Room, 1432 St. Ann Street. Phone Ma. 8985.

Gus Wilson, internationally known fight figure, is manager of Jose (Baby) Gonzales, Nick Moran, Harold Dade, Rudy Cruz and other stars.

Cliff Abbo, former race track judge, publicity man, also former manager of fighters, is manager of Marty's Night Club.

Fistic Pot Shots—Cosby Linson is on a trip East. He boxed in Pittsburgh recently. Louis (Whitey) Berlier, New Orleans heavyweight, has become a big favorite in Houston rings. Berlier won four straight fights there, defeating Lee Campione, Chicago heavyweight, in ten rounds in his last Texas start. Bernard and Maxie Docusen are packing the fans in at various California boxing clubs.

Eddie Brun, well-known fight trainer, is now associated with "Whitey" Esnault in the management of Esnault's stable in bouts outside of New Orleans. Brun also handles Joe Dazet and others. Floyd Shifflett, Rome, Ga., featherweight, knocked out Joe Rodriguez, Philadelphia, Pa., in the fourth round of a ten-round bout at Memphis, Tenn. Rodriguez was no match for Shifflett. Unattached fighters desiring work here can contact the writer at the DeSoto Hotel.

COVERING CUBA
By DR. J. A. VIEITES

SANTI-SPIRITUS—Battleship Martinez, 123½, and Arquimides Yirac, 126¼, battled to a ten-round draw. Orlando Cepeda stopped Joey Dixon in the 4th round. (Welterweights.)

Pinar del Rio—Lefty Garay, 122, scored a decision over Jimmy Sarduy, 124, in eight rounds. In the semi-final, Miguel (La Diabla) Diaz, 114, was defeated by Ed Menendez, 121, in six rounds.

Oriente—Ciro Moracen, 123½, gained the right to battle Diego Sosa in the final eliminator for the Cuban Featherweight crown bout with Miguel Acevedo, by easily outpointing Mario (Chico) Morales, 124¾, in ten rounds. Moracen scored three nine-counts during the fights. Last month they battled to a draw, but this time Moracen was in his tip-top form, and it was a different story.

Havana—Miguel Acevedo, the Cuban Featherweight King, who has held for several years a ranking position among the world's best fighters of his weight had a tough break when he opposed Max Perez, 132½, in a scheduled ten-rounder. This was supposed to be a tune-up for Acevedo, as he was already signed to fight Charley Riley.

Acevedo lost via the T.K.O. in the third round, when he was unintentionally butted in a clinch by Perez. Acevedo was not permitted by the referee to come out in the fourth round, and it was a real pity, as he won the three first rounds easily. Better luck next time Champ. . . .

In the semi-windup, Wilfredo Mayet, 135, stopped the rubber man from Peru, Roberto Carrillo, 137½, in the fifth. Luis Castillo, 125½, looked fine, when stopping Frank Oliva, 126¾, in the second. Evelio Figueroa, 125¾, stopped Rogelio Cespedes, 125¾, in the second. Enrique Ibanez, 115¾, outpointed Tony Cruz, 115½, four.

Facts and Rumors—After the sensational performance given by Luis Galvani against the former world bantam king, Harold Dade, negotiations were begun to bring Manuel Ortiz, with or without his title to Cuba. Dade said after the fight that Galvani was the fastest thing with gloves he had ever fought. . . . Armando Puenti Pi, ranked the eighth best bantam by THE RING, will now fight Jorge Sanchez, and the winner will be pitted against Galvani for the title. . . . In the same program Luis Fuentes will meet Black Pico for the flyweight crown. . . . After this fight Pico will have his return bout with Monito Flores in Mexico.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP
By CHARLEY PARRISH

HIRSCH DEMSITZ, Danish contender for the European lightweight title, continued along his winning way by whipping Marcel Mars of Belgium in an eight-rounder in Copenhagen. On the same card, two other Belgian visitors were beaten by their Danish hosts, Callebaut losing to Asger Warburg in a six-round lightweight match, and Albert Naerts retiring in the first round of a light-heavyweight meeting with Knud Christoffersen. Herman Korber, Jugoslavian lightweight, stopped Jens Nielsen in the fourth of another bout.

Louis Skena, French flyweight, who has been compelled to fight bantams because of lack of opposition in his own class, finally was given the chance to battle someone his own size, and he made the most of the opportunity by turning in an upset victory over Mustapha Mustaphaoui in Valenciennes. Mustaphaoui, defending his recently-won French flyweight title for the first time, was forced to retire in the twelfth round.

Robert Villemain, brilliant young welterweight, who holds both the French and the European championships in the 147-pound class, continues to whip heavier middleweight opponents. His latest triumph was a ten-round decision over southpaw Robert Charron in Paris. In another ten, Luis Fernandez, Franco-Spanish bantam, had a tough job outpointing Nardecchia Gianelli of Italy.

Two of Holland's top welterweights, Jan de Bruin and Job Roos, were returned winners against invading rivals in Rotterdam, De Bruin outscoring Ric Sanders of England in ten, and unbeaten Roos stopping Jens Nielsen of Denmark in the sixth.

George (Mickey) Mousse successfully defended his French bantam championship against Luis Fernandez in Paris. Mousse never looked better than he did against his rugged and hard-hitting challenger. Emile Bentz and Albert Yvel met for the vacant French light-heavyweight laurels, with Bentz forcing the North African to retire in the eighth. Yvel's correct name, by the way, is Levy.

Carl Nielsen, the Danish heavy, had a hard time with Giovanni Martin of Italy, and was lucky to earn a draw in Copenhagen. Nielsen wasn't so lucky two weeks later, however, when he was knocked out by Jo Weidin, the Austrian, in the sixth round in Gothenburg. On the same card with Weidin and Nielsen two Finnish aces registered impressive victories over French rivals. Elis Ask, who is rapidly establishing himself as a serious contender for the European bantam title, scored one of his finest triumphs to date by compelling Theo Medina, former European champion, to retire in the sixth, and Yrgo Piitulainen, welterweight, punched his way to a clean-cut decision over Francois Blanchard.

ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By JIM ECHOLS

HUMPHREY DECORA, athletic director for the D. C. National Guard, presented his first of a bi-monthly boxing card, with a great show but a small card. However, it is believed that when the word gets around about the excellent ring fare offered for such a moderate price that DeCola will have to enlist the guardsmen to handle the crowds.

Results of the competition: 126-pound Billy Wilson decisioned J. B. Philson, 135; Tommy Jones T.K.O.'ed Murhl Alexander, in the third; 112-pound Joe Collins T.K.O.'ed Paul Primrose in the second; 147-pound Ed Donawa decisioned Jerry Tyler, 147; Don Brannum T.K.O.'ed Artie Reed in two; 147-pound Calvin Day decisioned Herb Stowe, 126; Les Allison won over George Jones, 126; Frank Tavenner decisioned Ed Brazerol, 112; Don Bennett T.K.O.'ed Armond Primrose in the first; 165-pound Scott Richardson K.O.'ed Willis Hall in 31 seconds of the first round.

Turner's presented a ten-round feature bout with Terry Gibson of Los Angeles winning over Ernie Pelaia of Pittsburgh. The smallest house of the indoor season, 793 fans, paid a net of $1316.04 to see a listless bout. Gibson, a lightning-fast puncher (lacking the punch), crowned his way to a split decision by jigging, grunting and grimacing over Pelaia, who had a stinging left hook, but appeared none too anxious to use it. Gibson scaled 147½; Pelaia came in at 147.

In a five-round semi-windup, Sam Jefferson, 162, of D. C., decisioned Torpedo Reed, 161½, Los Angeles.

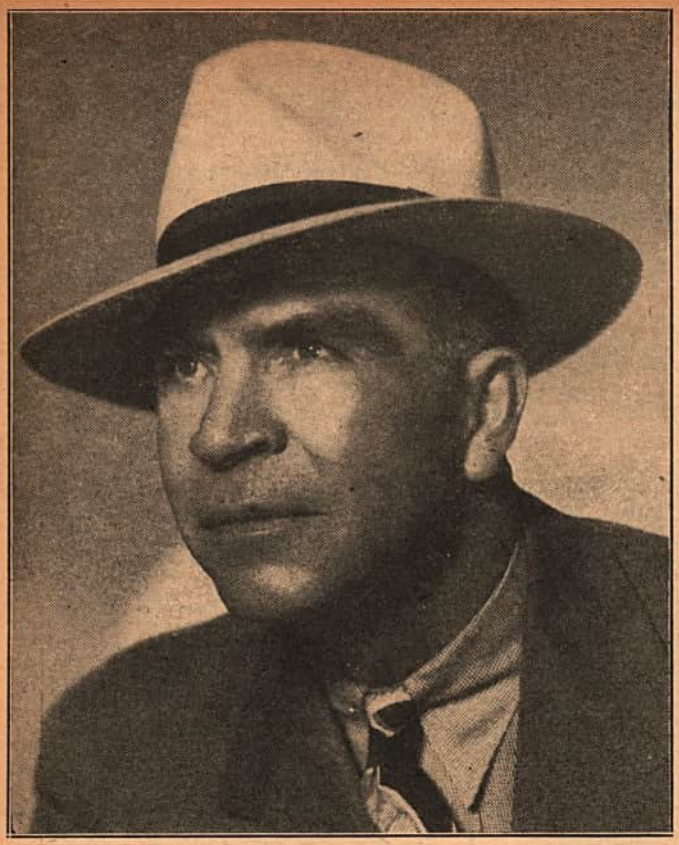
The quickest bout of the night was scheduled for four heats, with Angelo Marini, 147, D. C., kayoing Spider Henson, 147½, Baltimore, in 1:01 of the first. In another four, Kid Willie, 142½, D. C., K.O.'ed Roscoe "No Mercy" Mercer, 143½, D. C., in 1:01 of the third. Chico Griffin, 155, D. C., after having Eddie Johnson, 160, D. C., on the deck three times, almost ran out of gas, but managed to remain upright at the end of four rounds to cop the duke.

The opening four ended in a T.K.O. win for Garland Edwards, 155, D. C., over Georgie Brooks, D. C., 161, in 55 seconds of the fourth. The main bout was fair, but as usual the prelims were excellent.

Gabe Menendez is angling for Jake LaMotta to meet Ken Stribling here. Jake in all probability will have to pass a physical test here before the boxing fathers will O.K. him.

Jimmy Erwin Globe Trotter

By CHARLES LESEMANN



Jimmy Erwin, Texas promoter

THAT well-known maxim about the rolling stone that gathers no moss strikes a paradox in the life of Jimmy Erwin, boxing promoter of the Southwest. The story of Jimmy's career unfolds many chapters relative to his travels. As fighter, soldier, showman and promoter, Erwin has visited nearly every nation in the world, netting gains galore in money, friends and education.

Jimmy Erwin was born in South Carolina and he has spent a good part of his adulthood in Virginia, but irrespective of hometown attachments and the sentimental strains of "Carry Me Back To Old Virginny," he's a Texan at heart. After his first venture in the Lone Star State years ago, Erwin had a hankering to procure a permanent domain there, so now he's settled, just where he wants to be, a little bit north of the Rio Grande. As head man of the boxing club of the Southwest, in El Paso, he is one of the most successful promoters in the region.

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ERWIN, in his travels and experiences, has lived the life of a typical Damon Runyon character. If you were to single out the prince of Runyon's fictional guys, Erwin could well be the real life counterpart. Although Jimmy has been somewhat of a soldier of fortune, he's achieved most of his fame through honest astuteness in the fight game. He has been associated with many great fighters, including Sam Langford, Harry Greb and Petey Sarron, and has always been respected for his integrity as well as his knowledge of boxing.

Jimmy is noted for his shrewdness, but he'd never take an unfair advantage of anyone. No man could go wrong in business by practicing Jimmy's ethics. Perhaps, the key to his success can be found in the fact that he's never been in any place where he would not be welcomed, if he returns.

Pugnaciously, Erwin disported himself handsomely at Waverly School, in Columbia, S. C. His frequent entanglements with school bullies caused serious interruptions in his classroom work. Erwin, in those days, hadn't heard of Marquis of Queensberry rules. Since there was no code duello governing schoolyard battles, the use of rabbit punches and blows below the belt was an appreciated skill.

No boxing bouts were promoted in Columbia during Erwin's boyhood there. It was not until he was 14 years old, after he had moved to the West Coast, that he saw a regulation ring bout, after which he felt himself disposed to join the ranks of the Queensberry clouters and barnstorm through the oil and mining camps of the Midwest. Erwin climaxed his ring career by winning the middleweight championship of the Mexican border.

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WHEN hostilities bloomed in Mexico in 1916, Erwin enlisted in the Army and became first sergeant of the Fifth Cavalry Regiment Supply Troop. He was with the Fifth Cavalry when it joined the forces of General John J. Pershing, to take part in the chase of Pancho Villa, the Mexican bandit chieftain. Erwin remained in the Army until after World War I. When he was offered a commission, he declined it rather than be separated from his enlisted cronies.

While promoting fights in Juarez, Erwin became a close acquaintance of Villa. Every week, Erwin had to call on him to get approval on a license to promote boxing.

"I liked him very much even though he was a rascal in many ways," recalls Erwin.

Having been in Jess Willard's training camp at El Paso, when the Pottawatomie Giant started preparations for his title bout with Jack Johnson, Erwin has his own version of that historic pugilistic event.

Johnson's battle with Willard was originally scheduled to take place in Mexico City. The champion, who at the time was in trouble with home authorities, was a fugitive when he arrived in Mexico from France. According to Erwin's story, Villa was trapping all fugitives from the U. S. and routing them back across the border in an effort to win Uncle Sam's favor. Johnson heard of this when he arrived in Mexico City, and fearing that Villa might deliver him to U. S. officials, he insisted that Promoter Jack Curley transfer the bout with Willard to Havana, Cuba.

After Erwin was discharged from the Army, he opened a boxing club in El Paso, and also served as fistic instructor for the soldiers at Fort Bliss, Texas. Occasionally, he dipped below the Rio Grande to promote bullfights as well as boxing in Mexico. Jimmy Erwin has promoted nearly everything to which a ticket of admission could be sold . . . prizefights, automobile races, rodeos, bullfights, dog fights, cockfights, horse races, marathon races, and bathing beauty contests.

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DEMONSTRATING his forte in horsemanship, Erwin has proved himself just as much at home in the saddle as he is on the boxing scene. He was among the equestrians who were on the U. S. riding team that competed in the last International Military Horse Show, in the old Madison Square Garden. All countries of the world were represented. The United States team won first place and a $2,000 loving cup.

Erwin was with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show the last year it was on the road. He performed in a riding act with six other U. S. cavalrymen whom the government allowed Bill to hire in gratitude for his service as an Indian Scout.

The famous Russian Cossacks were on a tour of Mexico under Erwin's management, and were playing in Torreon when shooting started in the Escobar Revolution of 1928. The Cossacks had to flee to the border to keep the Mexican Rebels from seizing their horses.

Fighters whom Jimmy Erwin managed have appeared in rings in every country of the world where there is boxing.

The most brilliant and most profitable epoch of Erwin's career was the management of Petey Sarron, who climbed the pugilistic ladder to the world's featherweight *(Continued on page 37)*

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NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

MINNEAPOLIS newspapers headlined Bronko Nagurski as the new "Champion of the World" after the former football great threw Sandor Szabo. Where Sandor picked up the laurels in the first place, is what we would like to know. Bronko's popularity in the Mid-West is amazing. He draws packed houses at all times.

In a recent interview, Primo Carnera was asked if wrestling matches were fixed. Primo replied, "Not mine." Asked if other bouts were pre-arranged, he said, "I don't know."

Can it be possible that wrestling promoters are pulling the same sort of business with the big boy as his managers did in his boxing days!

Danno O'Mahony is going well in New England under the guiding hand of Paul Bowser. Strangler Lewis, at the age of fifty-five, had his license revoked by the California State Athletic Commission. The State Commissioner announced that the Strangler had failed to pass the physical examination for the renewal of his license.

Lewis has been among the top matmen since the early part of the century. He reached his peak about 1915. He is now operating a gymnasium in Los Angeles where he devotes much of his time teaching youngsters the finer points of the game.

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MAURICE TILLET drew 45,000 onlookers in a London bout. A big buildup is being handed Joe Pazandak of Minneapolis. Joe is being handled by Tony Stecher who managed his brother Joe to the top of the ladder. Pazandak is six feet tall and tips the beams at 236 pounds.

Marvin Mercer is amazing New York wrestling fans with his agility and speed in the ring.

Television is making many new wrestling fans on the Eastern Seaboard.

A reader asks what was the longest mat bout on record. The contest between Bill Muldoon and Clarence Whistler which went over nine hours to a draw.

From time to time we have received many letters from an interesting gentleman in Colorado, Ivor Remington, who is a most ardent admirer of the late Frank Gotch. He has compiled a wonderful scrapbook about this American mat wonder and we publish the latest of his most interesting communications:

THE RING
New York City, New York
Dear Sir;

I have received many letters with compliments on the little story I recently sent to THE RING from my scrapbook on the Gotch-Roller mat battle in Seattle, Wash., on July 1, 1906.

With your permission I would like to quote once again from my scrapbook. The place is Chicago and the date June 1, 1910.

"Frank Gotch is still king of them all. The great world's champion wrestler defended his title last night against a foreign invader, Stanislaw Zbyszko of Poland at the Coliseum while the cheers of over eight thousand fans resounded through the big exposition building. He accomplished the defeat of his opponent in two straight falls and left no doubt as to his undisputed supremacy.

He threw the fans into a wild state of excitement by winning the first fall in just six and two-fifths seconds with a bar arm and half nelson. It was a sensational performance, long to be remembered by those who saw it.

The second fall went 27 minutes 36 seconds before Gotch won it with the same hold. Gotch outclassed his adversary in every department of the game. He was entirely too speedy for the Pole.

Gotch's record shows that at that time he had 15 victories and only six defeats. He was a wrestler the world admired. He was always on the level and did more to make wrestling the great sport of his day and it flourished and prospered all through his time as champion.

Jenkins was dethroned by Frank Gotch in 1905 and from then on until his retirement in 1919 Frank piled up a record that ranks him as THE GREATEST WRESTLER IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

Gotch, after defeating Jenkins in 1905 lost the title by a fluke to Fred Beall in 1906 when his head struck a ring post and knocked him out. Gotch regained his title just 16 days later in a return bout with Beall and never was defeated after that.

After Gotch retired there was a mad scramble for his crown and eventually a wrestling trust was formed and charges were flung that the promoters, plus a few star wrestlers, controlled the entire situation switching the title back and forth among the men who would draw the best at the box office. The "trust" was finally broken up and the former partners became separate proprietors, and each had a champion of their own.

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THE biggest attraction in wrestling since Jim Londos came to the fore many years ago, is Primo Carnera, the Italian giant, who turned grappler after World War II, a branch of the sport in which he originally began his athletic career. The Italian Behemoth, who returned to his native Italy after winning the world heavyweight boxing championship almost as broke as when he made his fistic debut, due to mismanagement and crooked dealings of those who controlled him, is now back on his feet, a better and wiser business man. Handling his own affairs, he has reaped a second fortune during the two years since his return to America.

Primo, only a few weeks ago, paraded his family in a New York hotel suite after he had brought them here from Sequals, Italy, by plane to give them a permanent home in the Land of the Free. With the money he had earned as a wrestler, Primo has bought a beautiful house in the Westwood Hills section of Los Angeles, a house that is all paid for. In addition he has taken out his first citizenship papers and hopes that this country will be his permanent residence from now on.

Umberto, little Jane Maria, age five, and his red-headed wife, Pina, make up the Carnera family. Though he still has a booking agent, Primo, under an agreement made through the Italian consulate when he first came to the States two years ago, retains the bulk of his earnings, unlike the time when he was a fighter and the managers—five of them—took about ninety percent of his earnings and let him go back home with $800 after grossing a million or more during his sojourn here.

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"I LEARNED my lesson," said Primo when interviewed by THE RING reporter. "They gypped me well when I boxed, but now I take what I earn except a small percentage to which my booking agent is entitled."

Asked how long he intends to keep on wrestling, the Italian giant replied, "As long as I can stand the strain. Once a wrestler gets accustomed to being knocked about by his opponents, he can take it far better than a fighter can. I never feel hurt. My body can now take it. When I first started here against your professionals, I was hurt very often. But now, it is all a matter of condition and I'm in pretty good shape."

Asked who he thought were the best drawing cards in the East, Carnera said that besides himself, the Dusek brothers rate tops for thrilling performances that give the fans a good run for their money and therefore enable them to get the most dough for their efforts. Pointing to his own drawing qualities, Carnera

remarked that in two showings in Montreal, he took in close to $65,000.

"They like me in Canada and I like to wrestle there."

Carnera scales 260 pounds and never looked better physically than now. Wrestling apparently agrees with him.

Speaking of his war experiences, Carnera laughed as he told of his present financial setup as compared with what he underwent when the Germans took over in his native land.

"Then I worked for fifteen cents a day and had to sign a receipt that I was paid. Today there is hardly an appearance I make that I don't collect at least $1000. The Germans made me work with a pick and shovel but being knocked about by the big wrestling heavyweights that I have to meet almost nightly, is a far easier task."

Though Primo speaks in a growl he has pretty good command of his English. He thinks wrestling is a more wonderful sport than is boxing and takes pride in declaring that he is now the outstanding grappler on the North American continent.

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GATHERED Here and There—Boxing commissions throughout the country are souring on so-called championship matches. They all agree that wrestling is a spectacular entertainment, but to have a champion declared in almost every locality is a horse of another color. It is about time that all this hokum is halted through a ruling such as the New York State Commission has on its books. . . . Sandor Szabo, veteran heavyweight wrestler, whose thrilling performances around New York in the days when title bouts were still permissible, has returned from Australia, where he engaged in a number of bouts with huge success. Sandor has nothing but praise for the Aussie fans who he says are tops. Szabo has returned to the mat game in California, where he resides and again is one of the outstanding performers on the Pacific Coast. . . . Charley Cutler, who will be remembered as one of the great matmen of several generations ago and who was the original manager of Big Jess Willard, remains true to his old profession.

MASTER WRESTLER

I See a Fight

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heart is in my mouth. I'm worried about Bob Fitzsimmons. Can he stave off the roughing of Jeffries? Can he continue to guard or dodge away from those lunges? Can he withstand the digs over his heart as he fails to guard it? Can he last out the continual drive of Jeffries for twenty-five rounds?

As Jeffries buries his massive right into Bob's tapering body in the sixth, I notice that the old battler compresses his lips and squints his eyes, and I know those blows hurt.

The seventh round goes on like the others with Fitzsimmons stepping in quickly, darting over jolts to the jaw and jumping back only to be followed by the plowing Jeffries with his outstretched left, and his right coiled back like a rattler ready to strike. Yes, and his form half bent like a gigantic gorilla on the warpath.

There comes suddenly a united yell from the crowd. Fitzsimmons has just shot a terrific right uppercut which barely misses Jeffries' jaw. Had that blow landed, the fight would have been over. Man was not built to withstand such a punch.

And now it's the eighth round and starting just as the others. Something like a ride over the prairies where every ten miles seems like another. However, it's apparent now that those rights of Jeffries landing as the men fall into a clinch, carry behind them the weight and execution that is wearing Fitzsimmons down. Bob seems more anxious to keep away. He fears the clinch as he fails to protect himself against those body blows. Now he jumps back, drops his hands to better balance himself, and dodges about to regain the center of the ring.

That's how the end came!

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FITZSIMMONS has been pressed slowly back, back to his corner by the bloody Jeffries until he is nearly boxed in. He drops his arms to dodge out and away to safety. I see his lips move. I feel it a pinch for breath. I feel so today. Just then Jeffries plunges forward and curls over his powerful right like the lunge of a python to sink it solidly over Fitzsimmons' heart. The old warrior slumps to the floor, and I find myself standing and hysterically calling out:

"He'll get up. He'll get up!"

"Boy," said a man, alongside me, "you feel bad, don't you?"

"Oh, yes." I could say no more as the fatal seconds closed over the prostrate form of the crumpled Fitzsimmons.

The fight is over!

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A FEW moments later both fighters stand in ring center drinking from the same water flask. Bob Fitzsimmons breaks away to yell out in wild abandon:

"This is my last fight!" And with that he flings his gloves into the crowd.

The rumbling cable car with its stumbling gait carries me down Market Street, and as we pass the San Francisco *Examiner's* building, I curiously look at the screen which has given the fight to the public and read this startling news:

"Fake fight. Fitzsimmons lays down in the eighth!"

I cannot believe my eyes! I cannot understand it!

I felt that if such a contest was a fake, then I want to see many more such fights. I wonder, was that mighty uppercut faked! I think again of those pitiless stabs to the face and the biffed, bleeding, rocking Jeffries! The desperate look on Fitzsimmons' face as he withstands Jeffries' body blows! Yet, there it is on the *Examiner's* screen: "Fake Fight."

And all because someone had written a letter to the sports editor of that California paper with a note not to open it until after the fight and the letter revealed "inside information," the usual kind received from some disgruntled crank, that Jeff would knock out Ruby Robert in the eighth round.

There was absolutely nothing to indicate any collusion, despite the fact that in the fatal round, Fitz had dropped his weary arms and called to Jeff, "Hit me."

It was a great battle, and though almost fifty years have passed, I can visualize almost every move of the two great gladiators who fought that day.

California Headliners

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ERNIE LAUTERIO

MANY youngsters enter amateur boxing tournaments without having had any previous experience in the ring, and of course, are most always eliminated. When such a boy does win a title, it stands to reason that he is of exceptional ability. So, in introducing Ernie Lauterio, the writer can assure the reader that he is being informed of a youngster of exceptional ability, for, this boy accomplished the above mentioned rarity.

Lauterio's first ring experience was in the Los Angeles 1947 Golden Gloves tournament, in which he won the featherweight title. Ernie displayed so much class in winning this meet, that he was considered a real contender for the national title at Chicago, but he could not make the trip because of important school examinations.

Lauterio entered professional ranks about six months ago. He has engaged in but five contests to date, having been on the shelf with an injured hand. Of course, he has won all five bouts. He is a very colorful little fighter, being a good looking boy of fine physique, as well as a fast, clever boxer with lots of spirit.

Born in Los Angeles in 1929, of Mexican parentage, he is 5 ft. 6 in. tall, weighs 126 pounds. He is managed by Lee Boren of Montebello, Calif.

JOHNNY O'NEIL

ANYTIME a manager of boxers sits silently with a far away look in his eyes, it is a good bet that he is daydreaming of managing a promising heavyweight. And in most of such wistful thinking, the imaginary big fellow is a hard hitting Irishman. So, one is not apt to catch Harry Fine, Oakland manager, in such a mood, for, he already has such a wish in flesh and blood.

Johnny O'Neil is a promising heavyweight, is Irish and a good puncher.

Johnny has been boxing professionally for about two years, during which time he has engaged in 15 bouts, winning half of them by the kayo route. He has been beaten three times, but it required such formidable men as Ray Stevens and Dee Edwards to turn the trick.

Before entering professional ranks in 1946, O'Neil won the Golden Gloves title at San Francisco late in 1945. It was while serving in the Navy during the war that he took up boxing. Johnny barely scales over the light-heavy limit, which is big enough, however, as some of our best heavies have been of that weight. He was born at Carlenville, Ill., Dec. 16, 1922. His manager, Harry Fine, operates the Oakland gymnasium.

An Immovable Body

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the rushes of the Cyclone. Then in that same session came a right uppercut that cut a deep gash in Thompson's lips and though the claret flowed freely and both men were soon in a crimson hue, that also failed to halt Thompson's progress. Had Klaus followed that terrific wallop with another good, stiff punch, he might have won by a knockout, but he let the opportunity slip away from him.

Thompson recovered quickly and with a rush, he continued to go after his opponent who with each rush forward movement of Thompson stepped in and let go another uppercut that hit the mark with telling effect.

So it went for ten full rounds—Thompson did the rushing and Klaus the sidestepping, the jabbing and the uppercutting. Despite the fact that these two huskies fought like demons, there were no knockdowns.

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WHEN the final bell clanged it brought sweet music to Thompson's ears. His face was cut, his lips gashed and his eye closed. He had, in addition, lost several teeth. It was by far the best fight Klaus ever put up and he often remarked that when asked what battle was his toughest. Ten months after this New York contest, Klaus went to France, where he put three good Parisians out of the way in an effort to clinch world honors. He man-handled the Frenchman in such a manner that wily Francois Descamps, manager of Carpentier, sensing a knockout, leaped into the ring to save his idol and the referee handed the fight to Klaus on a foul in the 19th round.

In the fifth round Carpentier was floored and from that time to the finish Georges was up and down like a jumping jack from the furious attack of Klaus. In all of his bouts except that in which Chip stopped him, Klaus virtually swept his opponents off their feet.

Nine years from the date of his first battle, Klaus was through. During that time he played an important part in blighting the career of many stars, among them Porky Flynn, Gardiner, Jack Twin Sullivan, Jack Dillon, and Frank Mantell.

Such was the career of Frank Klaus, the blond, smiling Pittsburgher, who for nine years trotted back and forth from coast to coast and sailed the briny deep in search of conquests. Many battles he won and only a few did he lose.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

CAREY MACE—mark this name down as the best welterweight prospect trading leather at the present—added to his fistic reputation as the lad to watch by upsetting Chico Pacheco in the ten-round main event in West Palm Beach before a packed house. The Hartford Flash won six rounds, Pacheco took two, and the remaining couple were even on Referee Cy Gottfried's scorecard. Mace, stablemate of featherweight king, Willie Pep, couldn't furnish a kayo wallop, but regardless, his firing left plus snappy rights did the work and had Pacheco's face puffed and bleeding. He weighed 147. Chico, from Brazil, tipped the beams at 148½.

Another good tussle was between Jack Boderone, Brazilian welter, and Clarence "Cotton" King, formerly of West Palm Beach, now of Miami. This was a ten-rounder and the decision was in favor of Boderone, who took seven of the heats, with one even, and two for King.

Jimmy Walters, 151, Brooklyn, gained a six-rounder from Billy Spangler, 147, of Shelby, N. C. Both lads were in there trying hard. Hy Meltzer, 138, New York, damaged Jimmy Jeannette's eye and nose and was given a four-round T.K.O. over the Bayonne, N. J., 136-pounder. Opening the show were Phil Saad of Bridgeport, Conn., and Barney Monohan of Lake Worth, Fla. They slugged to a draw.

Miami—Jesus Lamela won a slow ten-rounder from Cowboy Billy Petersen in a welterweight bout. LaMela of Havana, Cuba, and Petersen from Billings, Mont. In the eight-round semi-final Billy Spangler, 144, and Jimmy Hill, 140, fought to a draw. A six-round lightweight mix found Terry Lee, Tampa, winning from Snooks Howard of Charlotte, N. C. Jerry Dwain, Norfolk, kayoed Freddie Farr, Boston, in the fourth of a welter go. Larry Rosenfeld, Montreal, 149½-pounder, T.K.O.'ed Yussell Goldstein, 147½, Baltimore boy, in the third.

They get better and better each year—meaning Nat Fleischer's Annual Boxing Record Book, and the 1948 issue tops the rest.

Lou Viscusi, Tampa and Hartford fight promoter and top-flight manager, is spending plenty of time in Florida's sunny clime and his health is showing improvement. Viscusi will keep Tampa running on a weekly basis for the summer and the Cigar City fans are likely to see a number of big-time matches.

Asheville—Willard Coffey, West Virginia welterweight, was in a class by himself when he tangled with Teet Montooth of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and took the ten-round decision unanimously. In another ten-round bout, Jumping Joe Green, promising Negro Asheville middleweight, kept his win streak intact with a decision over Jabbin' Foots (or Emory Jackson) of Atlanta. However, it was a tainted win as practically everyone scored for Jackson. Walter Keys, 130, beat Hoy Cuthbertson, 134, in a four-spot. Norman Gibson beat Johnny Crowe in a featherweight four. Harold Johnson, 146, kayoed Gus Elkins, 144, in the second.

Will Al Singer, former lightweight champion of the world, contact this writer for an important letter from Australia?

Miami—Chief Gordon House, Houston Indian, messed up Jimmy Hill's main-event debut with a four-round knockout over the clever Pittsburgher. Hill gave the Chief a boxing lesson and added a knockdown in the second, but the Indian lad got back with some of his own medicine and a short right-hander was all he needed to stop Jimmy. House weighed 137¾ and Hill 138¾. In the semi, Chango Patino, another Houston fighter, gained a draw with Jack Boderone, Brazilian welter. Frankie Wallace, still another Houston welter, T.K.O.'ed Billy DeVries, 140, of Grand Rapids in the fifth. Auggie Yarratt, Louisville 122-pounder, won from Jimmy Bruton, 126, Springfield, in six.

Al Caroly closed a very successful season at West Palm Beach with Oswaldo Silva winning a ten-round decision over Fist Devers of Grand Rapids, Mich., in the main event. West Palm Beach proved Florida's best club this year.

Aiken, S. C.—Johnny Carroll of Jackson and Tommy Kilpatrick of Hendersonville, N. C., fought a hard ten-round main event with the verdict a draw. Both boys are welterweights. Jimmy Hughes T.K.O.'ed Buddy Best in the second heat of the semi-final, both middleweights. Bill Owens T.K.O.'ed Fred Storey. Buzz Mosely T.K.O.'ed Weyman Sellers in the third. Lawton Readdy decisioned J. R. Eitson. Ray Kneece kayoed Bill Turner in three.

Aiken, S. C.—Johnny Carroll, Jacksonville welterweight, boxed a draw battle in ten rounds with Hal Meredith of Macon. Pat Linton, 130-pound local ex-jockey, kayoed Jimmy Edwards in the fourth round. Buzz Mosely kayoed Ray Yaun in three; Bobby Readdy scored in the same over Rooster Watkins, and Melvin Weatherford did it likewise to Boots Herron. A four-round decision went to Gene Wilson over Alfred McKinney.

St. Petersburg—Johnny Dupree and Tommy Sammons met again here in a ten-round tussle with Dupree winning in ten heats. Both are heavyweights. Ralph Hughes was the winner in the semi-final match as he scored a two-round knockout over Paul Escobar. Both middleweights. Ernest Nogues and Baby Chino Alvarez, Tampa lightweights, put on the best bout of the night in a six-rounder, which was won by Nogues. Art Montana won a four-heater from Young Angel. Jackie Patton of Suplee, Pa., beat Battling Oscar of Tampa in a four. They're featherweights.

Miami—Elmer (The Violent) Ray of Hastings, Fla., scored a fifth-round knockout over Sandy McPherson in an outdoor show here. Bob Isler, 178, New York, pulled a surprise in beating Shamus O'Brien in the eight-round semi. It was close. Ray Lewis, 138, drew in six with Jake Simmons, 132, both Miami boys. Shadrick Cooley, 171, and A. O. Rolle, 164, drew in another six-rounder. Kid McGee, 150, won in four from Ray Barnes, 149. It was an all-Negro show.

Mickey Zangara, New York 151-pounder, appeared in the main event of ten rounds with Johnny Dabbs, formerly of Memphis, but now out of Houston. The pair travelled to a draw. Dabbs weighed 141.

A verbal war between Miami's City Boxing Commission and Promoter Sam Weinstein now exists in the Magic City and one of the two is scheduled for a knockout. Sam has put on several shows minus the commission's okay and dynamite is about to explode.

Miami—Al Hirsch, New York, 149-pounder, gained an easy ten-round decision over Cowboy Billy Petersen. Petersen subbed for Ted DiGiammo. Hy Meltzer, 139, won a six-rounder from Joe Legon II, 140. Jimmy Jeannette, 136½, defeated Jimmy Maddox, 134, in a sixer. Raul Moran, the clipping has him as a 175½-pounder, won over Buddy Webster by a T.K.O. in three heats. Jerry Dwain, 146, beat Joe Sindone, 142, in a four.

Andrew Jackson Senior High has come out in the open with its boxing. The school held the finals of its tourney in the gym before an overflow gathering, and was it a honey. Out of the eliminations, in which 100 contestants had taken part, the champs were crowned and given gold medals. The runners-up received silver medals. Here they are: Alvin Gay won from John Franklin in the 100-pound class; Wade Towns captured the 115-pound class from Freddie Rush; Dillmus Barnett edged David Balanky for the 125-pound division. Billy Edge T.K.O.'ed Billy Siemer to gain the 135-pound title; Don McCloud bested Charlie Hayman for the 145-pound crown. Calvin Roche won closely over plucky Charlie Patterson and is the 155-pound kingpin; Earl McCombs T.K.O.'ed Charlie Bell for the 165-pound crown; Ted Forsyth T.K.O.'ed Tom Edwards for the heavyweight championship. Chief thanks and honor goes to Coach Bud Loft of that school, who installed the sport when things looked very dark against him. His assistance squad did much in their line and here's to Coaches Walter Middlekauf, former all-'round sports star; Jim Coram and Harry Nearing. School Principal M. A. Demorest was pleased with everything and is pulling for high school boxing. The South's outstanding amateur referee, Hugh Jones, refereed all bouts. To a fightin' school, here's orchids to Andrew Jackson Senior High.

Fighters without managerial contracts should contact this writer. Enclose record, picture and short sketch about yourself. Promoters and matchmakers in Dixie should send their results to the writer for publication in THE RING Magazine. Address: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville, Fla. Phone 4-4526.

Miami—Elmer (The Violent) Ray, Florida's number two heavyweight contender, was given a soft diet in the form of Al Smith, New York Negro veteran. The result was the same as the rest, Ray winning by a knockout. It's high time the Miami Boxing Commission gets down to earth and tosses such pairings in the ash can. The commission is hurting boxing, particularly in the city where the sport is receiving undesirable publicity. In the semi-final bout, Bob Isler, 178, New York, won an eight-round match from James Edwards, 194. Harry Williams, 138, chilled Jake Simmons, 133, in the fourth. Grady Pierce, 158, kayoed Jesse Williams in the second. James Morris beat Billy Banes in a four between welters.

West Palm Beach—Chili Cantero and Davey Allen renewed their feud in their third bout and it ended with Cantero chilling the New Yorker in round two of their featherweight clash before a sell-out house. In their first tussle, Cantero scored a kayo, then fell victim to Allen the same way. This time he proved the master of Allen as he sent him down for a nine-count in the first; dropped him again early in the second and through the ropes for the same count and ended the series with a smashing right-hander to the chin. Allen, at 120, was outweighed by five and one-half pounds.

Jimmy Bruton and Phil Thomas, a lightweight pair, again battled on the night's best scrap, and Thomas evened up with Jimmy by taking the six-round decision by virtue of scoring two knockdowns. Jimmy Walters, 152, decisioned Angel Chavez, 148, in six. Jimmy Jeannette, 137, won a close sixer from Walter Keyes, 136. Irish Tommy Mack, 145, T.K.O.'ed Rene Cantero, 146, in the fourth. The clippings state Cantero was butted and received a cut eye.

St. Petersburg—Blondy Baggett, young Tampa lightweight, boxed Joe Legon II of Havana and Tampa in the ten-round top bout and gave him a neat boxing lesson to continue with his victory march. Joey Dell, alias Billy Marcus, actually Joey Wasnick, showed his wares and surprised with a win in the six-round semi over the hard-hitting Joey Monteiro Costa. (The clipping we have says Dell won, while the clipping Pete Andrews gave us has the fight a draw.) Danny (Buster) Ahearn, a Bronx middleweight, scored a knockout in the third round over Buddy Webster after having the loser on deck several times previous. Jackie Patton lost a six to Oscar Neil, feathers; and Max Miller won a four from Battling Oscar, both feathers.

One of Florida's best contributions to the fight game, Gordon Fortenberry, a light-heavyweight contender during Maxie Rosenbloom's reign, passed away from a heart attack in the little town of Cocoa, his home. He was 36 years of age. Fortenberry clashed with such well-known boxers as Rosenbloom, Big Jeff Carroll, Corn Griffin, Mike Firpo, Red Fahler and others during his ring reign of 150 bouts.

Sarasota—Roy Evans, Tampa middleweight, technically halted Ralph Hughes in the sixth round of their headline bout here The loser was down in the fifth for a nine count. Pete (Rocky) Cimino won a sixer from Joe Thompson. Paul Bustamante defeated Battling Oscar in another six. Blond Bomber won a four-rounder from Francis Martel, and Jimmy Boy scored a two-round T.K.O. over Bobby Beatty.

West Palm Beach—Frankie Pucci, a young Canadian lad scrapping out of Paterson, N. J., held the favored and hard-hitting Cuban featherweight, Chili Cantero, to a ten-round draw before another capacity gathering here. Pucci earned his medal the hard way, coming up from a third-round knockdown. Cantero weighed 124½ and Pucci 120½.

An injured right maulie failed to keep Forest "Fist" Dever from retiring in the first and the Grand Rapids, Mich., middleweight took three of the six rounds to box evenly with Jimmy Walters, Brooklyn.

Rene Cantero, welterweight brother of Chili, lost a six-round nod to Irish Tommy Mack. Jimmy Bruton, Springfield featherweight, scored a three-round T.K.O. over Orestes Rodriguez of Havana. The loser hit the canvas in the second but was saved by the bell. Billy Hill, Memphis middleweight, took a four-rounder from Larry Rosenfeld, Jersey City, and Barney Monohan, Lake Worth, 161, drew in a four with Phil Saad, 157, New Englander.

Palatka, Fla.—Classy Eddie Mayhew (Eddie Hawley) of Richmond, Va., showed pre-war stuff to gain a six-round T.K.O. over Maxie (Bogeyman) Coleman, Jacksonville scrapper, in a Palatka show. Mayhew's right to Maxie's eye in the closing of the fifth sent the Florida boy to the canvas and it was enough to keep the loser from answering the sixth. Jimmy Higginbotham and Johnny Johnson battled hard for four rounds, with Higginbotham winning an unpopular nod.

Asheville, N. C.—Guy Brown repeated over Mickey Janoski with a five-round T.K.O. over the Louisville leatherpusher in a middleweight tangle. Tommy Kilpatrick kayoed Freddie Masters in the fifth round of a welter go. Doc Campbell, 142, came through with a knockout in two heats at the expense of Bill Johnson, 136, who was making his pro debut. Harold Johnson kayoed Jack Elkins in the first of a welter match. Hoy Cuthbertson, 132, won a four-spot from Ray Hutchins, 139.

St. Petersburg—Orlando Fernandez, Cuban lightweight boxer, scored a T.K.O. in the seventh round over Joey Dell after Dell had injured his arm in warding off a blow. It was an even fight for three rounds, but Orlando went ahead in the fourth and was holding a slight edge. The two fought hard and were tossing plenty of leather. Dell operates as Billy Marcus, too, but in reality is Joey Wasnick. He should have his license revoked unless he takes only one fighting name.

A six-rounder, found Baby Joe Diaz winning an unpopular decision over Indian Jimmy Maddox in a welter dish. Battling Oscar decisioned Jackie Patton of Suplee, Pa., in six. Both are feathers. Ray Delgado won a six-rounder from Joe Sindone, both welters. Oscar Neil got a four-round T.K.O. over Bob Alonzo.

Orlando—Johnny Kilday, Irish welterweight from Jacksonville, pulled one of the upsets of the year when he knocked out Manny Gomez of Tampa in the third round. Billy Marcus, alias Joey Dell and Joey Wasnick of New Haven, Conn., who is popular with Orlando fans, lost a six-round semi-final to Ernie Nogues of Tampa. Both are lightweights. Ray Newman, 130, won a four from Luddy Echols. Buster Demps, 155, kayoed Robert Balkum, 150, in a single round. They are Negro boys and in another Negro battle Theodore Monroe, 131, drew in four with Robert Dexter.

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Boxing Stories

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JIMMY McLARNIN'S present position is patterned after Tunney's, although on a somewhat less pretentious scale. Baby Face was far from a baby with his money. Today James' biggest worry is his golf score. A swell country club member, James hobnobs with Bing Crosby and other celebs on the links, while sitting back and enjoying the dividends showered upon him by the can manufacturing company he controls out on the coast.

Set for life, healthy and happy, McLarnin is an ideal and encouraging example for the money makers of today in boxing. There is no reason why the same formula can not be followed by all of them.

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THE last fight of his notable ring career wasn't the last stop for Billy Petrolle, the Fargo Express. Far from it, the old Express has been rolling along in high leaving all financial cares and troubles far behind. Estimates of Petrolle's wealth run all the way up to a half million, most of it garnered after he had answered the gong for the last time.

A saving fellow even in his ring days, Petrolle had cached away $75,000, as long ago as 1934 when he decided to retire. Thinking things over he returned to the ring, and before he had finished he had packed in another $250,000.

Even that didn't satisfy the frugal Fargo Express—before he stopped fighting he had started the Duluth Ornamental Iron Works. This business developed to the point where it not only made Petrolle independently wealthy but led to his assuming the chairmanship of the Board of Directors of the Pioneer National Bank in Duluth.

He eventually sold the concern for a fat return and now operates a gift and religious goods store and is still chairman of the bank.

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PETROLLE'S career has been almost perfect from a fighter's standpoint. Married for 21 years and proud papa of two charming daughters, Petrolle owes much of his success in life to Manager Jack Hurley. Hurley is a strong contradiction of the frequent criticisms leveled at boxing managers. If ever a manager proved worthy of his hire, it was Hurley. Not only did Jack transform Petrolle from a crude, unpolished tyro into one of the most devastating colorful fighters of his time, but he schooled Billy so well in handling his business affairs, that much of Petrolle's present eminence and comfort is due to him.

Although Billy's style was one of the most spectacular of the era, he rolled with and shed blows so adroitly that when he had quit the ring, after participating in 159 bouts, he showed slight effects of his long campaigns.

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MANY fighters, their ring days done, open restaurants and cafes of one kind or another. Unfortunately these seldom provide the security desired, for a variety of reasons. In many cases the boxer is merely a front for the establishment, and as time obscures his fame, his value as such decreases. Few pugs have found real economic stability in the cafe-restaurant business.

There are exceptions. Pete Herman's place, a New Orleans landmark, has been holding up well for more than 20 years. Liberal doses of handshaking and the Dempsey personality have made Jack's Broadway place a rendezvous for the visiting firemen. Lew Tendler's Philly spot has prospered.

Spots either fronted, promoted or owned by such all-time ring greats as Benny Leonard, Joe Louis, Jim Braddock, Tony Canzoneri and Mickey Walker met untimely ends.

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RECENT revelations made by John Roxborough regarding provisions being made for Joe Louis' future came as welcome surprises to many long disturbed about the champion's economic fate.

According to Mr. Roxborough, the Brown Bomber, his future secure, can look ahead to a lifetime on the golf links, a pastime which has supplanted all others as the great joy of Joe's existence.

Apartment houses in Chicago, Detroit and Wayne, Mich., annuities guaranteeing him $600 monthly for life plus business incomes should set at ease all those who have been laying awake nights worrying lest the great champion be reduced to apple selling in his declining days.

Funds are also in operation taking care of the future for his mother and young daughter, so it looks as though all the rumors bemoaning Joe's financial fate were as unfounded as Hitler's claims in the recent unpleasantness.

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FOR a score of years old Harry Wills has been Exhibit A as a fighter who knew what to do with his money. The landlord has held no terrors for Harry since he is one himself. The income from his two huge modern apartment houses up near the Polo Grounds in New York, a most desirable section, makes him independent and free from all worries and cares.

Oddly enough the bundle of dough that bulwarked Harry's bankroll was received by him for a fight that never came off! Back in 1925, wealthy backers of Floyd Fitzsimmons, mid-west promoter, attempted to make a Dempsey-Wills match, paid Wills a $50,000 bonus for signing. Of course nothing ever happened, but Harry kept the 50 gees, more money than he ever got for any 10 of his tough battles with fellows like Langford, Jeannette, or McVey.

Wills is the only one of the old line Negro battlers to ever attain anything approaching economic security. Luckily the Negro battlers of today are more fortunate in this respect.

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ALTHOUGH he and his advisers are very closemouthed on the subject Rocky Graziano is another whose real estate holdings are said to be of such proportions that the future holds no terrors for him. Reputedly possessor of two apartment houses, the one time street gamin of New York's East Side, is another who seems to be making good use of the fortune that came his way in the past year or so.

The trend of present day boxers for relying less upon faded press clippings and in and out cafe-restaurant propositions, and more upon hard headed, sensible real estate holdings and annuities is one of the most encouraging turns evidenced in the ring game.

The once common spectacle of famous pugilists who had earned thousands reduced to abject poverty was always a heart rending sight. The times may be approaching when these pathetic figures will have disappeared, as modern fighters show more concern for their later years.

Turning Back the Clock

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Benny Leonard knocked out Ritchie Mitchell in seven rounds after Leonard had shown superiority over all other rivals and thus Benny clinched the American laurels. He followed that up with a victory over Freddie Welsh, stopping him in nine rounds in New York City on May 28, 1917, to bring the world title back to America.

Here it has remained since. Our boys in this division have outclassed the British. Only one British lad, Jackie Kid Berg, trained in the American way, could compare with our best in recent years. The lightweight class, which in the days of Gans and in the period preceding World War No. 1 boasted of a great array of fighters, today has sunk to a low level. There isn't a rated fighter in the field who could hold his own against the Old Guard. The same may be said of each of the other divisions with but very few exceptions.

Club Fighters

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opponents, Danny Martin in five and Filipo Gomes in one.

Pete Lorenzo guides the ring destiny of Gillard.

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JOE GANNON

A YOUNG six foot middleweight of Irish parentage is Washington, D.C.'s, Joe Gannon. Twenty-one years old, Joe was first heard from as a merchant of swat back in 1944 when he won the National Amateur Welterweight Title and was named the "outstanding boxer" in the Tournament at Boston.

As a matter of course Gannon joined the army and while serving in Germany he won twenty-seven bouts in as many starts. Included in his trophy bag is the ETO light-heavyweight championship.

However, prior to his entrance into the armed forces, late in 1944, he had turned professional. With the interim occupied by his war service, Joe has had a total of twenty pro fights and has lost two.

Some of the men he has defeated are: Lee Rosen, Sparky Reynolds, Oscar Wakefield, Frank Sweeney, Larry Gibson, Chuck Burley, Carmen Bonavita and Red Archie.

His manager is Glen Drake.

Can Walcott Emulate Fitzsimmons?

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a fine tinge of asperity. Perhaps he should not have done that.

"I beat Louis once, and I will beat him again," insists Jersey Joe.

"I knew a lot about Louis when I faced him in the Garden last December. I had studied him at close range. A lot of the experts forgot that I had been a Louis sparring partner. Not for long, because I was too industrious.

"Anyway, Louis' legs are gone. If you make yourself a target—sure, he will belt you. But make him move—well, you saw what happened when I beat him in December.

"Louis says he will fight different this time, train different.

"I don't think that will matter. He has a one track mind. Force him off that track and he is baffled.

"I am younger in condition, in spirit, in incentive. I will be the next heavyweight champion of the world by June 23 midnight."

Could be! There is something in that one track business. But, Louis' record also shows that in his second meeting with a fighter he has a habit of correcting faults he showed in the first.

Could be that boxing has reaped all the benefits it can hope to glean from Joe Louis as a champion.

In any event, the situation is at least very intriguing.

Cerdan, the Rage of Paris

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today. Dave Shade—I don't have to tell you about him. K.O. Phil Kaplan, no contest, when the fight ended Kaplan was on the floor. He played with Harry Ebbetts, a great puncher.

"He'd never let me postpone a fight, no matter what happened. He ducked nobody and what tough boys the middleweights were in those days!"

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LEW'S emotional outburst in behalf of DeVos could be well understood since he managed him and the Belgian was one of the finest middleweights of the past twenty years. A resourceful, canny boxer, who knew his business, game, rugged and a fair puncher, he battled his way right through the best men of the era. He finally reached the point where he faced Ace Hudkins for the right to meet the then champion Mickey Walker in Madison Square Garden on Dec. 28, 1928. The decision went against him in that one, an extremely close affair that many thought should have gone to the European champion.

Ace turned in one of the best fights of his career on that occasion and he had to be at his peak to handle DeVos. Rene had one run of more than five years of boxing in which he did not lose a fight. He was invincible in Europe during the middle twenties.

Today, back in his homeland, after having survived the rigors and hardships of the war wracked Forties, he operates some sort of physical culture establishment. DeVos was also a fellow of considerable refinement and polish, so much so, that for a time millionaire Anthony Drexel Biddle of the distinguished Philadelphia family actually became one of his sponsors.

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LEW'S rapturous discourse on DeVos had been momentarily interrupted by the entry into his office of veteran promoter and manager Jess M'Mahon and former New York Giant first baseman, Phil Weintraub. Greetings and felicitations all-around having been completed, Mr. M'Mahon eyed Lew and said, "You look all worked up, Lew, what's going on? No wonder the news services sent out the story that you cried in Cerdan's corner after he was floored in that Chicago fight."

This started Burston all over again.

"I cried in his corner?" he fairly screamed, "how ridiculous! That went all over the world, too. Cerdan was miles ahead in that thing. He tired badly in the last round, got nailed and went down once. The other two times it was more exhaustion than anything else. When he got back to his corner I leaned over and whispered in his ear 'stand up, act alive so it won't look like the bell saved you' and the papers wrote that I was crying on his shoulder in the corner!"

Although he appears to have been below par in his most recent go against the little known Polish-Frenchman, Lucien Krawsyck, Marcel Cerdan is easily the most colorful European fighter since Gorgeous Georges Carpentier. One hesitates to predict the gate potentialities in a bout between Cerdan and Ray Robinson. A half million dollars seems almost a certainty. A title match with Cerdan in the challenger's role also seems a sure shot to reach that figure.

The future really looks rosy for the colorful clouter from Casablanca.

Jimmy Erwin

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throne. Sarron had already tried an ascent of that ladder before he met Erwin, and had found it too precarious.

Sarron, as a flyweight, lost to Fidel LaBarba in the semi-finals of the 1924 Olympic tryouts. Later he turned professional, but with several minor bouts on his record and a pair of broken hands, the Syrian had quit the ring in disgust in 1930. Then he was introduced to Erwin in Alexandria, Va. Erwin talked fight back into Sarron, and piloted him to the head of the featherweight class.

The year after Sarron won the featherweight crown from Freddie Miller, Erwin took him on a tour of South Africa. When they returned to the States, they were $135,000 richer.

Sarron claims that making the featherweight limit weakened him when he was knocked out by Henry Armstrong in losing the title. The Syrian had to take off a pound and a half just before the fight. He went into a steam cabinet for nearly two hours, and also skipped rope to melt down. However, he did not intend to offer the weight-making story as an alibi, because he admitted that Armstrong was too good for him.

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ERWIN managed Sam Langford during the last four years of Sam's ring career. If anyone ever dedicated a life to the proposition of "try again, if at first you don't succeed", it was Sam Langford. He waited 22 years to win a championship in the ring. He kept trying, and a title came his way at last when he was 43 years old. He outpointed Andres Balsas in a 15-round bout for the heavyweight championship of Mexico. Erwin was in Langford's corner that night. Sam was partially blind, and had to "feel" his way around the ring at times when the sights in front of him made no more than a blur on his vision.

It was Erwin who tossed in the towel when Langford was stopped by Clem Johnson, at El Paso, in the next to the last fight of his career. Johnson opened a cut over Langford's good eye, and Erwin kept old Sam in his corner after the 13th round. Langford's fistic finale was a three-round knockout of Fireman Jim Flynn.

"Two men in a ring alone battling for supremacy, has always been my idea of real sport and competition," said Erwin in one of his dissertations on boxing. "In the ring, you have no one else to depend upon but yourself, and your man is right there in front of you, taking advantage of every mistake you make.

"The boxing game has been very generous to me. About all the fun and enjoyment and travels I have received in this old world, have come from my connection with the boxing game in some manner. It is a great sport and I will never do anything to injure it in any manner. There is nothing better than good, clean boxing. I will always do my part to keep it clean."

DUTCH WEST INDIES RING NEWS

By JIMMY LAMBERT

ARUBA boxing fans are still raving over the fight card put on by Promoter J. Nicholson at the Swingsters Square Garden, featuring the highly popular Kid Dinimita of Santo Domingo and Young Bassin of Martinique. In fact, the Garden was a sellout due to the appearance of Kid Dinimita, who had just returned from a successful tour in the United States.

Kid Dinimita, 147½, of Santo Domingo, was too fast and experienced for Young Bassin, 160, of Martinique. Although Bassin outweighed Dinimita by 12½ pounds, Dinimita won practically every round by his speed and all around punching ability. He finally floored Bassin for the count in the sixth.

The semi-final brought together for the second time Young Tanner, 132, of British Guiana and Kid Barquerito, 135, of Santo Domingo. Although their first meeting ended in a draw, there was no question this time about Tanner receiving the decision after 10 rounds.

In the preliminaries, Ralph Garcia, 126, of Trinidad met El Tigre, 122, of Aruba. Both boys threw leather from the opening bell to the end in the seventh round, when El Tigre, after flooring Garcia three times in the preceding round, was awarded the T.K.O. in 2:32.

Juancito Holman, 181, of Aruba, pulled the upset of the year by knocking out Harry Krassens, 176, in the second round. Holman substituted at the last moment for ailing Jack Etienne and was considered a breeze for the Dutch boy before the fight.

In the opening bout, Kid Snake, 137, of Barbados, proved too strong and rough for Pantera Negra, 139, of Curacao, and easily won the four-round decision.

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Monaghan Is Fighter of Month

By THE RING STAFF

THIS month's fistic news is sprinkled with successful comebacks of former topnotchers. The most noteworthy veteran to return with a bang is Lee Savold, a heavyweight who was a main eventer in Madison Square Garden a decade ago. Lee's quick kayo of Gino Buonvino has gained him the number nine spot in our ratings.

Billy Smith, who had only four bouts during 1947 has skyrocketed to the number two berth in the light-heavyweight division. During the past month Smith knocked out Bob Amos in four heats and stopped the sensational rise of Bob Foxworth with a three round kayo. New York matchmakers have penciled in Oakland Bill's name for future bouts in that city.

Other veterans who scored wins during the last thirty days are Tony Zale, who is rounding into shape for his third setto with Champion Rocky Graziano, and the ancient Sammy Angott who simply can't remain in retirement.

The most important contest during the month was the flyweight title bout between Rinty Monaghan and Jackie Paterson. Rinty settled all the matter of supremacy by knocking out the Scot in the seventh round. For clearing up this muddle Monaghan has been selected as the "Fighter of the Month."

Action in the heavyweight class was slow without much incident. The big surprise was the draw decision in the Joey Maxim vs. Pat Valentino bout. Maxim has been dropped from fifth to seventh place but Valentino is not entered among the first ten due to a previous loss this year to Tony Bosnich who was defeated, also during 1948, by Maxim.

Elmer Ray came back with two knockout victories over poor talent, yet retained his firm hold on second place due to the exceptionally poor talent in the class, the worst in the history of the heavyweight division.

Among the light-heavyweights, Billy Smith provided the only important action. Archie Moore dropped to fourth place due to inactivity, while Billy has leaped into second place under Ezzard Charles, the leading contender.

The return to action of Rocky Graziano, world's middleweight champion, developed no startling outcome. Sonny Horne, whose fine boxing exhibition against the Rock, caused the latter to look bad in spots, earned for Sonny the number ten spot among the middleweights.

Bert Lytell's two wins over Watson Jones and Major Jones enabled him to jump over Tony Zale and take down number two.

Tony scored a knockout over Lou Woods, but the caliber of Lytell's opponents was far superior, hence Bert goes over Graziano's next opponent.

Two victories scored by Anton Raadik have given the Chicago middleweight the sixth slot and inactivity has dropped Jake LaMotta to number nine.

In the welterweight division, Champion Ray Robinson boxed rings around middleweight Henry Brimm. Three victories scored by Bernard Docusen have given the Filipino the number one position as chief contender. The defeat of Kid Gavilan by Doug Ratford puts Ratford in tenth place and drops Gavilan to sixth position. The defeat of Johnny Greco by Beau Jack puts Jack in seventh place and Greco down a peg to eighth position.

A young star has begun to shine brightly in this interesting division in the person of Rocco Rossano. Rocco added to his fine record by chilling the highly regarded Eddie Giosa in one round. It won't be long before Rossano is rated among the cream of the crop.

The big upset in the lightweight class was the defeat of Freddie Dawson by young Johnny Williams of Montgomery, Alabama. The win was close but it gave Johnny a chance to get into the ratings, and dropped Dawson to number five.

Maxie Docusen continues his rise to the top with wins over good opposition. Maxie has earned the right to be the sixth ranking lightweight in the world.

Terry Young's defeat at the hands of Paddy DeMarco, for the second straight time, has jumped the latter to seventh position.

The featherweight class had most all of the top ranking men displaying their talents. Charley Riley reversed his only loss since 1946 by stopping Maxie Shapiro in seven rounds.

Sandy Saddler decisioned Bobby Timpson to retain his firm grip on first place with Riley the number two man.

Chico Rosa scored an impressive victory over Manny Ortega.

Ray Famechon took the featherweight championship of Europe from Ronnie Clayton and earned sixth position.

Miguel Acevedo was leading Max Perez on points, when Miguel received bad cuts over both eyes causing the referee to halt the fight in the fourth round. Acevedo was dropped to tenth place. The knockout of Humberto Sierra by Baby Gonzales eliminates Sierra from featherweight ratings and Gonzales takes his place.

Harold Dade's disqualification in his contest with Luis Galvani dropped the former bantamweight king to seventh.

Tirso del Rosario, who gave Manuel Ortiz a hard battle last year in a bantamweight championship bout, came from nowhere to third place by virtue of his win over David Kui Kong Young and his kayo over Manuel Anduha.

Jackie Paterson dropped to fourth place and Fernando Gagnon continued his winning ways to hold down the number five slot. Though Paterson was stopped by Monaghan in a flyweight bout due to Jackie's having to make weight, we feel that he is a high ranking bantamweight.

The big noise in the flyweight ranks, besides the title match, was the stopping of Mustaphaoui in twelve rounds at the hands of Louis Skena. Louis is now rated fourth.

The results of the month follow:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Elmer Ray knocked out Sandy McPherson, 5, and Al Smith, 3. Lee Savold blasted himself back into the heavyweight picture with a one round knockout over Gino Buonvino. Joey Maxim was held to a ten round draw by Pat Valentino.

Henry Flake drew with Colion Chaney, 10, and kayoed Fidel Arciniega, 6. Olle Tandberg outclassed Duilio Spagnola, 10. Tony Bosnich whipped Erv Sarlin, 10. Alfredo Lagay defeated Jimmy Carollo, 8. Carollo shaded Eldridge Eatman, 10.

Rusty Payne stiffened Willie Bean, 6. Dutch Culbertson stopped Jerry McSwain, 8, and lost to Freddie Beshore, 10. Johnny Flynn knocked out Joe Muscato, 6. Dusty Wilkerson defeated the veteran Buddy Walker, 8.

Joe Kahut outscored Roy Hawkins, 10. Gene Jones won on a disqualification over Johnny Haynes, 5. Pat Comiskey kayoed Al Kinsey, 1, and Tex Boddie, 8. Roland LaStarza shaded Steve King, 6.

Ted Walters stopped Carmine DiGeorgio, 4. Augustino Guedes whipped E. Z. Sheppard, 8. Willie Jones drew with Charlie Martin, 4.

Willard Reed chilled Larry Watson, 5. Vern

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending April 15, 1948

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Rocky Graziano	World's Champion Ray Robinson
1—Joe Walcott	Ezzard Charles	Marcel Cerdan	Bernard Docusen
2—Elmer Ray	Billy Smith	Bert Lytell	Gene Burton
3—Tommy Gomez	Freddie Mills	Tony Zale	Ralph Zannelli
4—Jimmy Bivins	Archie Moore	Steve Belloise	Buster Tyler
5—Arturo Godoy	Lloyd Marshall	Jackie Darthard	Tommy Bell
6—Sid Peaks	Dave Sands	Anton Raadik	Kid Gavilan
7—Joey Maxim	Billy Fox	Major Jones	Beau Jack
8—Phil Muscato	Billy (Chicken) Thompson	Jose Basora	Johnny Greco
9—Lee Savold	Bob Foxworth	Jake LaMotta	Johnny Cesario
10—Joe Baksi	Nick Barone	Sonny Horne	Doug Ratford

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion Ike Williams	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Rinty Monaghan
1—Enrique Bolanos	Sandy Saddler	Guido Ferracin	Dado Marino
2—Rudy Cruz	Charley Riley	Luis Galvani	Maurice Sandeyron
3—Jesse Flores	Chico Rosa	Tirso del Rosario	Monito Flores
4—Johnny Williams	Carlos Chavez	Jackie Paterson	Louis Skena
5—Freddie Dawson	Baby Gonzales	Fernando Gagnon	Raoul Degryse
6—Maxie Docusen	Ray Famechon	David Kui Kong Young	Al Chavez
7—Paddy DeMarco	Harold Dade	Peter Kane	Emile Famechon
8—Andre Famechon	Manny Ortega	Stan Rowan	Terry Allen
9—Terry Young	Jackie Graves	Mickey Mousse	Dickie O'Sullivan
10—Paulino Montes	Miguel Acevedo	Bunty Doran	Luis Fuentes

Mitchell beat Red Applegate, 6. Henry Holley nodded Jim Holden, 4.

Joe Weidin knocked out Phil van Niekerk, 5. Jimmy Bivins stopped Billy (Chicken) Thompson, 7. Henry Flake outpointed Bill Weinberg, 10.

Gino Bunovino outscored Cliff Koerkle, 8. Willie Brown nodded Angustino Guedes, 8. Jerry McSwain whipped Gene Felton, 10.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Billy Smith stopped Bob Amos, 4, and continued his fine comeback by halting Bob Foxworth, 3. Pete Graham whipped Jack Biddle, 6. Dave Sands kayoed Alabama Kid, 4.

Pat McCafferty stiffened Bobby Berry, 1, and defeated Al Johnson, 10. Bernard Humphry decisioned Earl Butler, 4. Nick Barone whipped Danny Martin, 10, and Ozzie Harris, 10.

Art Swiden trimmed Willie Brown, 10. Harold Detterman nodded Johnny Komlo, 4. Roy Voris dumped Percy Butler, 2. Tommy Ruth was a victor over Tom Fambrough, 6.

Tommy Merrill iced Johnny DeNero, 1. Olle Madison chilled Johnny Watson, 5. Harold Johnson outpointed Kenny Harris, 10. Al Rosasco whipped Jimmy Johnson, 6, but lost twice to Ray Aliverto in 6.

Herman Badger kayoed Chuck Davis, 2. Fred Ford knocked out Bob Montgomery, 3. Vernon Williams defeated Cleve Bailey, 8.

Johnny DeNero drew with Pat Richards, 10. Bobby Ogg outfought Alex Woods, 6; and Billy Mawson, 6. Woods also lost to Paddy Slavin, 8.

Reg Spring stopped Trevor Burt, 6.

Archie Moore stopped Dusty Wilkerson, 7. Dolph Quijano kayoed Ernie Rios, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Champion Rocky Graziano returned to the wars with a close ten round decision over clever Sonny Horne. It was a non-title affair. Tony Zale knocked out Lou Woods, 3.

Anton Raadik knocked out George Duke, 10, and Lou Woods, 6. Marcel Cerdan outpointed Lucien Krawczick, 10. Steve Belloise kayoed Mickey Doyle, 7.

Bert Lytell stopped Watson Jones, 5, and decisioned Major Jones, 10. Jack Snapp outpointed Al Hostak in an upset, 10. O'Neill Bell beat Bill Brown, 10.

Jackie Darthard whipped Dave Clark, 10. Gene Boland defeated Frankie Abrams, 10. Mark Hart won an eight round decision from Bos Murphy. Chuck Hunter beat Cecil Hudson, 10.

Freddie Price chilled Carl McFadden, 6, but dropped a ten rounder to Bill Daley. Don Lee stopped Ray Spurlock, 4, and beat Frankie Angustain, 10. Rudy Davila nodded Mike Angustain, 6. Lloyd Gibson knocked out Charlie Hayes, 6.

Lee Sala stopped George Brown, 10. Jose Basora was awarded a one round kayo victory over Buddy Farrell when the latter broke his left hand. J. T. Ross stopped Frankie Russell, 7. Milo Savage stopped Willie Jenkins, 6.

Roger Muriel beat Tony Rose, 8. Leroy Coleman nodded Joe Tate, 8. Jim Herring stretched Andy Suarez, 1. Harold Green stopped Art Tatta, 4, and shaded Smuggy Hursey, 8. Vinnie Cidone kayoed Mel Griffin, 3, and then in 2.

Dom Youvella drew with Jesse Jenkins, 8. Buddy Farrell outpointed Jackie Cooper, 10. Horace Bailey whipped Freddie Price, 10, who also was beaten by Johnny Boyd, 8. Charley Williams licked Johnny Green, 10.

Charley Zack defeated Henry Holt, 8. Van Butler scored over Romero Chavez, 8. Jacob Levinson stopped Nat Blum, 2. Ray Aliverto nodded Al Rosasco twice in six.

Reuben Jones thrashed Nick Kashuba, 6. Tommy Lemmon drew with Paulie Blanks, 8. Buzz Brown kayoed Bob Simmons, 2, and beat Dick Smith, 8. Chuck Hensel decisioned Virgil Strauss, 6. Joe Gannon laced Sidney Miller, 6.

Howard Bleyhl decisioned Paulie Blanks, 8. Johnny Potenti stopped Jimmy Dinardo, 3. Charlie Dotson halted Al Tanguay, 3. Johnny Komlo shaded Jimmy Campbell, 6. Don Ellis defeated Pat Byers, 8.

Norman Rubio stopped Ray Rovelli, 5. Garfield Coleman stopped Junior Washington, 6. Johnny Izzo defeated Jack O'Rourke, 4. Ted Brassley outscored Eddie Letourneau, 8. Jackie Burke knocked out Russ Baxter, 8.

Billy Kilroy dropped an 8 round duke to Tony Bertucci. Dick Wagner kayoed Rudy Richardson, 6. Billy Taylor won from Jimmy Taylor, 6. Joe Gannon defeated Indian Gomez, 8. Jim Field chilled Red Arrow, 2.

Mike Carney drew with Lee Patrick, 4. George Hill stiffened Charlie Dotson, 5. Jerry LaStarza halted Bill Giovini, 6. Andy DePaul bested Roger Whynott, 8. Pedro Jiminez stopped George Smith, 9. Art Hardy decisioned Johnny Gardea, 10.

Kenny Barton whipped Jimmy Watson, 8. Johnny Potenti stopped Milton Lightfoot, 5. George Hammond decisioned Vincent Scott, 8. Vinnie Cidone knocked out Bill Atwood, 2. Mickey Zangara knocked out Jesus Lamela, 6.

Lanny Trader drew with Dick Callahan, 8. Scottish champion Jake Kilrain returned to ring after year's absence to stop Johnny McKenna, 1, but in his next start was outpointed by Doug Miller, 8.

Bert Hyland drew with Harry Davis, 8, but was disqualified in seventh round with Joe Sands. Billy Stevens decisioned Paddy Roche, 8. Joey Martinez halted Tony Elizondo, 2.

Ron Cooper drew with Bert Saunders, 8. Hayward Warnum stopped Jules Rinaldo, 1. Frankie Angustain defeated Mel Brown, 10.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight — Marty Monforte, Binghamton, N. Y.

Light-heavyweight — Lee Hunt, New Haven. Conn.

Middleweight—Sammy Sullivan, Great Britain.

Welterweight—Solly Levitt, New York, N. Y.

Lightweight — Johnny Marino, New York, N. Y.

Featherweight—Joe Rigano, New York, N. Y.

Bantamweight—Angel Sanchez, Havana, Cuba.

Flyweight—Jack Foley, Ireland.

Joe Blackwood whipped George Hill, 10. Roy Miller stopped Art Towne, 7.

Danny Martin decisioned Carmine Lato, 10. Vinnie Cidone won over Eddie Richardson, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Ray Robinson outboxed Henry Brimm, 10. Bernard Docusen was a winner over Earl Turner, 10, Charlie Salas, 10, and Louis Bell, also in 10 rounds.

Robert Villemain outpointed middleweight Robert Charron, 10. Bobby Lee upset Livio Minelli, 10. Johnny Cesario nodded Berry Wright, 10.

Frankie Fernandez chilled Frankie Moore, 3. Sammy Angott took the measure of Rudy Zadell, 10. Jelly McElroy chilled Billy Shelton, 2.

Tommy Bell halted Laurie Buxton, 3. Rocco Rossano flattened Eddie Giosa, 1. Tony Riccio was a winner over Jerry Coursol, 8. Terry Moore whipped Sammy Secreet, 10, and Sammy also bowed to Stonewall Jackson, 10.

Tommy Armour outfought Henry Hall, 8, and Hall came back to whip Joseph Goreaux, 10. Eric Boon was credited with stopping Omar Kouidri, 2, when a cut over the latter's eye prompted the referee to halt the match. Jan de Bruin outpointed Ric Sanders, 10. Job Roos knicked out Jens Nielson, 6.

Roman Alvarez whipped Honey Johnson, 10. Vince Foster chilled Phil Palmer, 10. Tony Janiro won on points over Johnny Dudley, 10.

Ben Evans beat Tommy Burns, 10. George LaRover was a winner over Cosby Linson, 10. Leo Sawicki beat Jesse Baker, 8.

Jackie Armitage kayoed Joe Kezele, 5. Stonewall Jackson beat Frankie Vigeant, 10. Lucky Jordan defeated Billy Kearns, 10. Al LaBarbara decisioned Tommy Ciarlo, 8.

Nick Mistovich whipped Eli deLoech, 8. Gene Buffalo bested Eli Hall, 8. Vic Cardell drew with Bobby Rosado, 8. Ross Anzalone defeated Joey Carkido, 8, and Joey came back to beat Al Guido, 8.

Mario Marino halted Art Garcia, 3. Shamus McCray beat Johnny Bell, 8. Johnny Bell chilled Tiger Flowers, 3, and George Dickerson, 6. Paddy Young kayoed Ceferino Bronco, 3. Al Mobley defeated Lennox Dingle, 8, but lost to Jimmy Green, 8. Mickey Zangara drew with Johnny Dabbs, 10, and kayoed Jesus Lamela, 6.

Bill Dove defeated Bill Feeney, 6. Cliff Stevens beat Bob Miller, 4. Chango Patino drew with Jack Boderone, 10. Leroy Carter kayoed Al Fisher, 5.

Gene Salisbury knocked out Leon Harvey, 4. Lou Russo defeated Jim Nickers, 6. Jimmy Sanders drew with Jack Besselman, 10. Billy Morris chilled Lou Masone, 4.

Louis Jordan halted Manuel Montes, 4. Jackie Lovatt outpunched Jimmy Sauer, 10. Don Williams stopped Paulie Jackson, 8. Emil Barao won over Whirley Peppers, 4. John Darby defeated Joe Martino, 8.

Marcel Pacheco beat Manny Torres, 4. Freddie Menna decisioned Jimmy Collins, 8. Fairest Norman drew with Bobby Dawson, 4. Isaac Jenkins stopped Manuel Dizon, 5.

Joey Juliano flattened Jimmy Pierce, 2. Fred Patterson defeated Mike DeCosmo, 8. Jimmy Herring chilled Fred Simpson, 2. Al Hirsch whipped Billy Peterson, 10. Charlie Johnston stopped Johnny Camarata, 6.

Mel Williams beat Frankie Frazer, 6. Frankie Balestra nodded Don Scalzo, 4. Bobby Dawson stopped Carlin Scott, 3. Bob Fowler took Woody Woods, 8. Buddy Holderfield beat Tony Falco, 10.

Jackie Wilson stopped Eddie York, 4. Ruby Margolin beat Lucky Jordan, 8. Shady DeVane dropped Fred Walker in 2. Ralph Giganti upset Lenny Holton, 4. Sid Haber nodded Juan Carrero, 8.

Eugene Hairston stopped Jerry Coursol, 5. Bee Bee Wright whipped Charley Williams, 6. Solly Levitt nodded Al Silverman, 6. Al LaBarbara defeated Hal Meredith, 6.

Mike DeCosmo won a decision over Joe DiMartino, 10. Al Couture stopped Mike Saad, 9. Ernie Forte whipped Phil Burton, 10. Floyd Perry halted Corky Davis, 3. Frankie Abrams was a victor over Vinnie Rossano, 8.

Gene Salisbury knocked out Vinnie Milito, 2. Leon Harvey decisioned Mickey Algana, 4. Mario Marino defeated Jimmy Tarangelo, 6. Lou Russo whipped Lenny Holton, 6.

Mickey Savage nodded Harold Jones, 10. Bill Tierney stopped Johnny Camarata, 8. Buster Smith took a ten rounder from Charley Salas.

Beau Jack outfought Johnny Greco, 10. Bee Bee Wright whipped Don Ellis, 8. Jackie Williams defeated Dave Andrews, 10.

Charley Zack was a winner over Tony Riccio, 10. Jimmy Molloy flattened Bob Blair, 2. Tommy Armour trounced Walter Momber, 8. Pat Byers defeated Shamus McCray, 10. Charley Fusari nodded Red Priest, 10.

Don Williams licked Jackie Lovatt, 10. Al Baldisano trimmed Patsy Brandino, 10. Jimmy Sanders nodded Leon Thompson, 8. Speedy Lawrence defeated Johnny Bernardo, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Jesse Flores stopped Eddie Prince, 7. Paddy DeMarco won a ten rounder from Terry Young. Johnny Williams outpointed Freddie Dawson, 10.

British champion Billy Thompson got off the floor three times to take a ten round duke from Andre Gonnet. Thompson lost to Andre Famechon, 10. Tommy Barnham was too clever for Ernie Thompson, 8.

Santa Bucca whipped Joey Angelo, 10. Classy Maxie Docusen trimmed Alfredo Escobar, 10. Juste Fontaine defeated Dave Marsh, 10. Gordon House knocked out Jimmy Hill, 4.

Del Flanagan stiffened Eddie Brandt, 7, and beat Herman Mills, 8. Lou Casiano beat Ted Davis, 10, and Ted also lost to Tommy Stenhouse, 10. Pat Brady shaded Freddie Russo, 10. Jimmy Collins whipped Johnny Forte, 10. Chris Jenkins outfought Johnny Fitzpatrick, 8.

Pat Kelly kayoed Steve Kronis, 3. Bernie Bernard outpointed Al Pennino, 8. Danny Webb took the measure of Julie Kogon, 10. John LaRusso beat Al Smith, 10. Bert Hornby stopped Terry Kelly, 2.

Ted Davis decisioned Johnny Juliano, 10. Tommy Greb whipped Tony Riccio, 10, and the Blonde Tiger, 10. Riccio lost to Ray Lewis. Lewis drew with Tommy Stenhouse, 10. Paulie Jackson beat Johnny Priest, 10. Al Baldisano kayoed Patsy Brandino, 1. Maxie Starr was a winner over Jimmy Warren, 8, and then kayoed Joey Brocato in 2. Max also beat Jimmy Warren, 8. Talmadge Bussey chilled Al Jordan, 10.

Tony Ducharme outscored Bobby English, 8. Roy Andrews was a victor over Richie Shinn, 10. Pete Ferrente whipped Lou Castrilli, 6. Lou Joyce stopped Palmer Crosley, 1. Gus Cosby nodded Cleve Simmons, 6. Del Flanagan beat Herman Mills, 8.

Barry Wood outboxed Bobby Pooler, 6. Willie Roberti beat Aponte Torres, 6. Tommy Moore chilled Billy Mays, 5. Joe Discepoli won over Filberto Osario, 10. Zeke Lucero nodded Hal Robbins, 8.

Leroy Willis outfought Lou Casiano, 10. Pete Ferrente outpointed Charley Donovan, 6. Harold Jones won over Tommy Stenhouse, 10. Jimmy Robinson outpointed Luther Burgess, 8. Nick Arcuri kayoed Kenny McLain, 5.

Sidney Caples kayoed Jimmy South, 3. Johnny Marino kayoed Jay Parlin, 2. Solly Cantor stopped Henry Polowitzer, 7. Felix Bueno decisioned Ernie Hunick, 10.

Marcel Pacheco chilled Oscar Lewis, 2. Herbie Freeman whipped Al Couture, 10. Oliver Desmarais beat Lefty LaChance, 10. Ernie DeFrance halted Solly Sanchez, 2. Johnny Moran decisioned Art Vernon, 6.

Harry Lassain outgamed Johnny Johniken, 8. Steve Marcello decisioned Danny Butler, 4. Red Perkins halted Bill Simmons, 4. Jim Carter whipped Cal Smith, 8. Al Smith decisioned Marcel Therreault, 6.

Joe Velez knocked out Buddy Washington, 2. Tony LaBua whipped Jimmy Anest, 8. Joey Belfoire thrashed Al Starling, 6. Solly Cantor outpointed Pat Brady, 8. Bernie Dowd kayoed Lulu Vitolo, 4. Del Cockayne halted Corky Davis, 6.

Paulino Montes defeated Julio Jiminez, 10. Jackie Solomon outpointed Harry McMurdie, 8. Harry Hughes knocked out Jim Bryce, 5. Bert Hornby flattened Dick Levers, 5. Harry Legge outpointed Ben Duffy, 8, and Alf Price, 8.

Tommy Campbell stopped Arturo Barron, 5.

Johnny Juliano knocked out Bobby English, 5. Ernie Hunick outpointed Freddie Maes, 10. Zeke Lucero whipped Reuben Rivers, 10.

Pat Brady won over Pete Ferrente, 8. Solly Sanchez took the measure of Joe Montiero, 8. Herbie Biff Jones halted Jimmy Simms, 2.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Charley Riley stopped Maxie Shapiro in 7 to reverse a previous loss. Luis Galvani won on a disqualification over Harold Dade in 8.

Raymond Famechon won the European championship from Ronnie Clayton, 15. Eddie Compo defeated Jock Leslie, 8, and Jock beat Dino Bleta, 10.

Sandy Saddler decisioned Bobby Timpson, 10. Max Perez stopped Miguel Acevedo, 4. Henry Davis outscored Bobby Jackson, 8. Joe Velez beat Bobby Richards, 8. Lou Alter beat Billy Liggett, 8, but was knocked out by Jackie Graves, 3. Chico Rosa nodded Manny Ortega, 10. Tom Collins chilled Tito Valles, 1.

Bert Jackson decisioned Black Bond, 10. Joy (Boy) Collins disposed of Tommy Boyle, 2. Jackie Turpin stopped Terry Riley, 5.

Mimmie Adragna beat Filberto Osario, 10. Eddie Dumazel whipped Jackie Cunningham, 6, but lost to Danny Martin, 6. Ronnie Taylor beat Kid Tanner, 10. Pat Iacobucci shaded Jesse Underwood, 10. Vic Young decisioned Isaac Thomas, 8.

Jean Richard chilled Steve Kronis, 1. Joey

Scarlotta outpointed Danny Martin, 6. Leo LeBrun defeated Ivor Fredricks, 6. George Wright beat Ray Edwards, 6, but was chilled by Sal Ferello, 1.

Luis Ramos knocked out Kudo Ortiz, 3. Jose Cardenes whipped Jimmy Cooper, 8. Louis Williams drew with Clem Custer, 6. Eddie Drake decisioned Frankie Jayne, 6. Willie Roberti drew with Marcel Therreault, 8.

Mel Neary defeated Willie Alexander, 8. Jim Rooney nodded Frankie Pucci, 8, and Aponte Torres, 8. Eddie Dumazel stopped Kenny McLain, 6. Arthur Gould drew with Danny Nagle, 6.

Albert Bessell kayoed Ken Morgan, 6. Peter Gaskell decisioned Johnny Williams, 6, and outboxed Reuben Whitehead, 6. Henry Schillizzi stopped Filipi Fuentes, 2. Mal Evans stopped Joey Bolduc, 5.

Danny Falcone drew with Eddie Drake, 6. Maurice Fredricks won over Vic Haller, 6. Jimmy Callura drew with Orlando Fernandez, 10.

Percy Bassett chilled Jimmy Champagne, 2. Jackie O'Cohen kayoed Les Thompson, 4. Francisco Colon Garcia outscored Mario Morales, 10.

Tiger Gallant stopped Kid Hudson, 3. Bobby Bell shaded Charley Green, 6. Jean Richard stopped Jackie Harris, 6.

Baby Gonzales stopped Humberto Sierra, 4. Jackie Graves chilled Spider Armstrong, 1.

Manny Ortega kayoed Aurel Toma, 6. Phil Zwick knocked out Al Gomez, 3. Tony Lombard flattened Sammy Ervin, 1. Jackie Bonas outfought Black Bond, 8. Jackie Turpin knocked out George Albrow, 2.

Scottish champion Frank Kenny was flattened by Jim Healy, 2. Enzo Correggioli stopped Jim Kenny, 6.

Marcel LaChapelle stopped Young Junior, 6. Billy Gillard won over Danny Carabella, 6. Percy Bassett stopped Mel Neary, 2.

Billy Liggett stopped Johnny Moran, 2. Leo LeBrun drew with Ray Edwards, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Tirso del Rosario defeated David Kui Kong Young, 10, and stopped Manuel Anduha in 8.

Luis Galvani won on a disqualification over Harold Dade in 8. Stan Rowan whipped Eddie (Bunty) Doran, 10.

Danny O'Sullivan halted Len Jones, 6, and outfought Amleto Falcinelli, 8. Jimmy Webster knocked out Jimmy Green, 3. Mickey McKay defeated Gus Foran, 10.

Art Jacobson outpointed Jack Gleeson, 8. Georges (Mickey) Mousse retained the French title, defeating Luis Fernandez, 15. Fernando Gagnon beat Benny May, 10.

Ronnie Draper decisioned Eddie McCullough, 8. Charley Kerr outfought Con Bailey, 8. Tommy Cummings flattened Johnny Kent, 2, but Kent came back to outpoint Charley Waters, 8.

Jimmy Green outpointed Roy Ball, 6, and Willie Rigby, 8. Billy Tansey stopped Jimmy Warnock, 6. Al Young iced Harry Shannon, 1. Owen Johnson outpointed Billy Foyle, 6. Stan Mace halted Johnny Regan, 5.

Rod Parsons kayoed Des Downs, 7. Johnny Gleeson stopped Billy Roberts, 8. Tommy Forrest was outpointed by featherweight Ron Perry, 6. Jackie Sutton whipped Wally Basquille, 8. Ron Gladwell stopped Stan Mace, 3.

Memo Valero defeated Monito Flores, to take latter's Mexican championship. Flores, however, retained his Mexican flyweight laurels. Ronnie Draper stopped Mick McKay, 5.

Joe Leo kayoed Les Peabody. Danny Sullivan knocked out Tommy Cummings, 6.

Kid Tanner outpointed Charley Brown, 8. Canadian champion Fernando Gagnon stopped Frankie Pucci, 3. Luis Castillo decisioned Jesus Fonseca, 10, but the latter chilled Joe Amaya, 5.

FLYWEIGHTS

Rinty Monaghan settled the world title controversy by knocking out Jackie Paterson, 7. Louis Skena won the French crown by stopping Mustapha Mustaphaoui, 12.

Dickie O'Sullivan stopped Andy McCulloch, 6, but lost on a foul to Terry Allen, 2. Jackie Bryce halted Billy Davies, 5, but in turn was beaten by Al Chavez, 10.

Dado Marino decisioned Mike Bernal, 10. Jimmy Hogg outpointed Mickey Fay, 8. Eddie Douglas forced Frank Tierney to retire, 6, and repeated with Billy Ashton, 4.

Billy Hazelgrove drew with Dennis Sale, kayoed Mickey Hoban, 3, and stopped Jimmy Warnock, 5. Warnock finished Al Hutt, 4.

Albert Sanderson halted Billy Finch, 5, and outpointed Dennis Sale, 4. Mickey Hoban was knocked out in the first by Dennis Reed. Harold Clarke edged out Hughie Byrne, and Byrne also was beaten by Seaman Billy Harper, 4. Dennis Reed outpointed Johnny Haggerty, 4.

Don Hoole stiffened Lionel Gay, 2. Eddie Carson stowed away Billy Birch, 4, and Billy Wells, 1. Gus Harris trounced Tommy Sharpe, 4. Bryn Collins flattened Raymond Jones, 1. Johnny Miller whipped Ronnie Nelson, 6.

Charley Squire outpointed Johnny Summers, 8. Jackie Foster drew with Mickey Jones, 6. Eddie McCullough defeated bantamweight Billy Tansey, the latter retiring with cut eye, 5.

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WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

FOUR welterweights have been approved by the New Hampshire State Athletic Commission to compete for the championship of that division. The elimination bouts will get underway in the very near future with the first two logical contenders being from Berlin. These two boys are Dom Sinibaldi and Jimmy Dinardo. The other two selected are from down-state. They are Mike Saad (Ryan) of Manchester and Pat Monahan of Derry. Promoter Eddie Allard of Manchester was first to grab the idea after the announcement by the state governing body and in less than a week he announced the Sinibaldi-Dinardo bout for the Rec Hall at Manchester, scheduled for ten rounds.

Boxing shows have been started and are continuing at this time in two new clubs, in the following places: Laconia and Claremont. At the Riverside Arena of Laconia, Al Laflamme won a decision over Johnny Skimrock. Laflamme being a local boy, took and kept the lead throughout the fight and won easily from his opponent from Grenier Field, Manchester. It was erroneously reported that the bouts were between amateurs. According to reliable information received as we write this column, the show was a professional fistic presentation.

At Claremont the Blond Tiger of Lowell, Mass., took a unanimous decision from Joey Cross, New York City, in an eight-round main event. A capacity crowd of 700 fans welcomed boxing back after a two-year absence.

In the other bouts held at Claremont, Lou Bell of Lowell, Mass., knocked out Johnny O'Keefe of Haverhill, Mass., in the third.

The two four-round matches ended in T.K.O.'s. Young Leo of Lowell, Mass., won in the second round from Kid Dexter of Boston and Eddie Marchelio of Boston put the skids under Jimmy Walker of Lowell, Mass.

Three good shows were held at Manchester, the Queen City of New Hampshire. Each featured the popular Pat Kelley, recently of Eire, now fighting out of Boston.

In his first appearance, Kelley subbing for the injured Steve Kronis, won a unanimous decision over Ollie Desmarais, a local boy, in ten. Kelley weighed 137 to Desmarais' 130.

In a ten-round semi-final clash, Tommy Greb, 134, of Boston, took a unanimous decision from the Blond Tiger of Lowell, Mass., 130.

The prelims featured the pro debut of local boy, Al Labrie, 135, who showed plenty of class as an amateur in the recent Golden Gloves tourney. Labrie knocked out Young Brennan, 132, of Lowell, Mass., in 1:35 of the first.

In the opening bout, a four-rounder, Jean Grenier, 129, of Manchester, kayoed Young Leo, 135, Lowell, Mass., in 1:20.

Pat Kelley returned to triumph again. Announced from Eire, the clever lad polished his opponent, Steve Kronis of Boston, in 40 seconds of the third round of the feature ten-rounder. Kelley, weighing 132, had a three-pound advantage over Kronis, in addition to height and reach. At the opening of the third, Kelley rushed in and, after several feints, landed a smashing right to Kronis' head, which spelled curtains for the Bostonian.

In the semi-final six-rounder, Red Perkins, 133½, of Manchester, took a popular win over Jimmy Vincent, 134, of Lowell.

The prelims saw Pat Monahan, 143, Derry, kayo Jimmy Burke, 146, of Lowell, in 2:08 of the second stanza. The opening bout brought Eddie Best, 137, Lowell, against a haymaker from Jean Grenier, 131, Manchester, and that was all after only 27 seconds.

For the third straight time, Pat Kelley returned to Manchester to win. He defeated Flo Desmarais in ten. Eight hundred fans witnessed veteran Desmarais try to force the battle, but the young Irishman returned blow for blow after being staggered several times by his game and aggressive adversary. It was a split decision.

In the semi-final scheduled for eight rounds, Buddy Lessard, 141, of Manchester, T.K.O.'ed Billy Shea, 136, of Roxbury, Mass., in the third. Two six-round preliminaries saw Ernie Mason, 138½, of Lowell, cop a decision over Billy Duguay, 137, of Suncook, N. H. Young Leo won by a T.K.O. in four over Al Labrie, Manchester. Both weighed 140.

Boxing and Wrestling Shavings—At Lewiston, Me., Maurice "Lefty" LaChance of Lisbon, Me., lost to Manchester, N. H., delegate, Ollie Desmarais, via the decision route over the ten-round route. . . . On the same card, Dom Sinibaldi of Berlin dropped a split decision to heavier Al Marquis of Brunswick, Me. . . . Dom's brother, Al Sinibaldi, ex-light-heavyweight champ of New England, is now in Memphis, Tenn., working as boxing coach for the Naval Air Training Base over there, under the U. S. Civil Service. Al had the same job with Uncle Sam during the war as chief petty officer, athletic specialist.

The city of Berlin will in a very short time have the opportunity of seeing boxing shows under the best of conditions at the new $65,000 indoor Notre Dame Arena. . . . The writer is lined up for the job of matchmaker for the boxing shows and desires to hear from all interested fighters desiring work around these parts during the summer months. . . . A stamped self-addressed envelope will get anyone a prompt reply. . . . The services of several good fighters are available through the writer, namely, Dom Sinibaldi and Pat Dyer, both welters of Berlin, and from Canada, the ninth ranking bantam in the world, according to The Ring's annual ratings, Fernando Gagnon. . . . Pat Dyer's most recent bout was against Pat Monahan of Derry. Pat won a decision in six rounds. The bout was held at Lewiston, Me.

The Ring is on sale at newsstands throughout the cities of the state. Reserve your copy early!

The writer's address: 80 Mechanic Street, Berlin, N. H. So long 'til next month.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

MONTREAL fight fans had little action with only one show being staged during the month of March, a solitary card at the Coliseum. However, plenty of activity was scheduled for April. The Coliseum card nearly ran into a snag when Tony Mancuso, after being weighed in and pronounced in first class condition, apparently got an attack of the jitters at seven o'clock in the evening and phoned his manager that he wouldn't appear. He gave as his reason that his mother didn't want him to fight, which certainly seemed a weak excuse as he had been training rigorously for some time and seemed in good spirits at the weighing-in.

George Gervin, a stablemate, a game, rugged welterweight, took Tony's place. He staged a whale of a battle against his heavier opponent. He took a shellacking in the early rounds but made up most of the ground in the closing sessions when he had Margolin on the defensive. It is possible that he might have won if the fight had been two rounds more than the scheduled eight, as Margolin was a very tired lad. It was a first rate battle and both boys got a merited ovation from the fans.

In the eight-round semi-final, Marcel LaChapelle, rangy local featherweight flash, scored easily over Larry Sloan, as generally expected. The youthful LaChapelle had too much speed and class with Sloan trying gamely but vainly to connect with an effective overhand right.

Eddie (Joe Beef) Leboeuf, rising young local welterweight, scored his sixth straight win as a pro when he kayoed Freddie Valenti in the third of a scheduled six. The "Beef," an ambitious 18-year-old youngster with oodles of color, tore into his foe from the outset and had him on the floor three times as well as whacking him right out of the ring once, before finishing him off. He is a rare prospect. In the four-round opener, Guy DeRoy outslugged Nick (Londos) Carraculas in an earnest middleweight maulfest.

STRAY SHOTS—Dave Castilloux, still rusty from a long layoff, was none too impressive in scoring over Simeon Waithe in Toronto . . . . Jean Richard, local feather, lost a disputed verdict to Buddy Hayes, then stopped Jackie Harris in six. . . . Tony Ducharme, youthful local lightweight, is going great guns around Providence and Fall River. He scored five wins in five weeks. . . . licked Billy Nixon, Mel Evans, Bobby English, Tommy Moore and stopped Steve Kronis. . . . cheerio till next month.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By SELSSO TIBORRO

FIGHT results during March at the Coliseo Arena:

Aurelio Cruz, 132, kayoed Chico Escamilla, 134, in two rounds, while Pancho Uribe, 119, decisioned Negro Sandoval, 118, in eight.

Ernesto Aguilar, 130, decisioned Ray Brown, 134, in ten. In the semi-final, Bernardo Ramirez, 134, drew with Raul Bustamente, 135, in ten.

Monito Flores lost his Mexican bantamweight crown to Memo Valero in a clear-cut 12-round decision. Flores still retains his flyweight title and ring experts believe that the two tough fights he had had immediately prior to his bout with Valero was responsible for his poor showing. Flores weighed 113 to Valero's 117.

In the semi-final, Chucho Ruiz, 135, decisioned Lalo Gallardo, 138, in ten.

Paulino Montes, 134, decisioned Julio Cesar Jimenez, 134, in ten. Luis Torres, 143, decisioned Kid Filipino, 141, in ten.

Manuel Hernandez, 126, kayoed Polon Perez, 125, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten-round event. Aztudillo Kid, 144, decisioned Punos de Oro, 142, in ten.

Training Camps Vital (Continued from page 21)

Ted would punch $3.42, and it would come out anything from $1.17 to $9.83.

Farr's particular crony from the other side, Job Churchill, was a quaint character who must have been plucked right out of Dickens. Job-lots, as the mob called him, sported a scraggly mustache, one lone tooth, a peg leg, and a multicolored flannel shirt that he'd turn inside out for special occasions like Sundays and holidays.

Then, there was Farr's Boswell, or "ghost writer," a quiet, retiring, elderly chap named Charley Barnett, who carried a perpetually sad expression on his face that seemed to say "I'm sorry."

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EVEN normally peaceful Barnett became infected with the embattled spirit of his surroundings.

One afternoon, while Charley was in the front room scribbling his latest "By Tommy Farr" dispatch, in ambled another English newspapermen, Leo Fuller.

"Aye, there, Charley," he greeted.

Barnett looked up, and a sudden gleam in his eyes illuminated his usually pale and mournful features.

It seemed that, some years before, Barnett and Fuller had collaborated on an article for a British publication, for which they were to be paid five pounds. Fuller had done the collecting, and, according to Barnett, had promptly disappeared. This was the first time Charley had seen Leo since then.

"Hey," said Barnett, rising from the sofa on which he had been seated. "Where's that money you owe me?"

Fuller feigned surprise. "Why, I paid you," he said.

Barnett stared at Fuller for a moment, then calmly and deliberately removed his spectacles, laid them gently on a table, just as calmly and deliberately rolled up the sleeves of the bathrobe he was wearing, walked over to Fuller, and bopped him in the left eye with his right fist!

It was an excellent punch, well placed and thoroughly effective. For several days, Fuller carted around an optic that was surrounded by the most exquisite blend of dazzling colors this side of the Aurora Borealis.

The newspaper boys had a lot of fun playing around with that incident, which became known as "Barnett's Brush With Fuller."

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ALL those weird goings-on served their purpose, and served it well. They gave the scribes an abundant supply of material for stories that were distinctly "new" and "different", and proved of tremendous psychological value in steaming up interest in Farr and his meeting with Louis.

The unusual dispatches out of Long Branch aroused the curiosity of the populace in Farr to the extent that the title match became an assured financial success.

And just by way of supplying a fitting finale to it all, Farr completely flabbergasted the "experts" and the customers by not only going the fifteen rounds with Louis, but giving Joe plenty of what-for.

Yes, many a colorful yarn came out of those training camps. . . . Atlantic City with Jack Dempsey. . . . Fairhaven with Tom Heeney. . . . Speculator with Gene Tunney. . . . Endicott with Max Schmeling. . . . Orangeburgh with Jack Sharkey. . . . Summit with Mickey Walker. . . . Asbury Park with Max Baer. . . . Grossinger's with Barney Ross. . . . Lakewood with Joe Louis. . . . Michigan City with Jim Braddock. . . .

But tempus does fugit, and the glamor and excitement of those training camps seem to have evaporated in recent years.

All a training camp is these days is a place where a fighter goes through the monotonous routine of training for a fight.

It's hardly a spot for an enterprising boxing writer looking for something to write about!

Nat Fleischer Says:

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"That boxers who have received licenses must have a Wassermann test, Chest X ray, electric-cardiograph, and an eye examination by an eye specialist at least once a year.

"4—If a boxer has been knocked out or has received a bad beating around the head, he should have an electro-encephalogram, and should not be permitted to box for two months.

"5—A week before a boxer engages in a bout, he should have a hemo-globin, red cell count, and urine analysis.

"6—A record of all these findings should be on file in the Boxing Commissioners' office and be readily available to the examining physician. In addition a report of the results of his last six contests should be included.

"I feel positive that if the above routine is followed, we will have less accidents."

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GUS LESNEVICH, world light-heavyweight king and Freddie Mills, British Empire champion, will again clash in a battle for the crown, this time in July in London, under the auspices of Jack Solomons. The bidding for this natural overseas bout was keen, with Ben Smith Promotions and Solomons battling it out between them and Solomons emerging victorious.

Whereas Smith, who made the trip to America for the purpose of clinching the bout offered $65,000, tax free, three round trip tickets and all expenses and an option of 37½ per cent, for the signature of Lesnevich, a raise of ten thousand by Smith's rival turned the trick. Win, lose or draw, Lesnevich will return to America ready to cast his lot with the heavyweights.

Should he win, he will be in a position to accept a match with the Louis-Walcott winner for September and one with Ezzard Charles for the light-heavyweight crown for which he can obtain $100,000. Thus whichever way matters go, Gus and his sidekick, Joe Vella, stand to reap a fortune this summer, especially in view of the fact that Vella has a forty per cent option on the net should he exercise it in the Mills fight. If the bout draws as much as Jack Solomons predicts, then Lesnevich's share of that mill should run close to $120,000 in U. S. dollars.

When the light-heavyweight class was launched and for many years after, the division was dominated by Irish-American ringmen. George Gardiner, who first saw the light of day at Lisdoonvama, County Clare, Ireland, was the first son of Erin to win the title in the ring. The establishment of the 175-pound class was due to the fact that many who could not retain their strength and reduce to 160 pounds, and yet did not care to mix it with the heavies, desired an intermediate class. The class was suggested by Lou Houseman, a Chicago promoter who managed Jack Root, a boxer who had battled in the middleweight division for several years. A challenge was issued to any man in the world to meet Root for the title at 175 pounds, and the Fort Erie Boxing Club, opposite Buffalo, N. Y., consented to stage the bout. George Gardiner was first with an acceptance of the challenge, and the club set July 4, 1903, as the date for the contest.

It does not appear that Root and his manager used very good judgment in accepting Gardiner as an opponent for the title. Root and Gardiner had met twice previously, the first bout taking place at San Francisco, Jan. 31, 1902, Gardiner losing on an alleged foul.

The pair faced each other again on August 18, 1902, at Salt Lake City, and Gardiner knocked out Root in the 17th round. Therefore when they met again July 4, 1903, at Fort Erie, Gardiner was a pronounced favorite, and he justified the faith of his supporters by stopping Root in the 12th round.

However, Gardiner made a serious error in the selection of his first opponent for the 175-pound title. Hardly had the County Clare man got the crown fitted to his head when he accepted old Bob Fitzsimmons as an opponent and the pair met in San Francisco, Nov. 25, 1903. Fitzsimmons was then 41 years of age, and apparently in the last stages of pugilistic decadence. Gardiner was 26, in the full flush of vigorous young manhood and an excellent boxer and effective hitter.

He was a strong favorite to beat the old chap, and for several rounds had the better of the argument. Yet the strategy and resourcefulness of the aged boxer were overlooked, and they began to tell in the latter half of the contest. Fitz had a commanding lead at the finish of the 20th and last round and received the verdict of the referee. This was the third and last ring

title won by Fitz, he having taken the middleweight honors from Nonpareil Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight crown from Jim Corbett and the 175-pound title from George Gardiner.

Yet Fitz did not hold the 175-pound title for any length of time, for on December 20, 1905, the old fellow was put to sleep in the 13th round of a bout held at San Francisco, by Philadelphia Jack O'Brien.

Gardiner gave a rather good account of himself during his career in the ring. He won a 20-round decision from Joe Walcott at a time when the Barbados Demon was at his best.

Gardiner met Jack Johnson October 31, 1902, in the ring at San Francisco, in a bout scheduled for 20 rounds, and while he was outpointed, he was on his feet and fighting well at the finish. Gardiner knocked out Peter Maher in the first round of a bout in Boston, April 6, 1903, and defeated Marvin Hart in a 12-round bout at Louisville, May 13, 1903.

Following his defeat at the hands of Fitzsimmons, Gardiner began to sag. He was beaten by Jack Root, knocked out by Mike Schreck, Al Kaufman and Fireman Jim Flynn.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

MARCH brought more action than this state has seen in quite some time. The first indoor boxing show in Norwalk in several years was held when Ralph Ruta put together a combination pro and semi-pro card. His venture was a success and he plans to run shows bi-weekly. Promoter Pete Montesi has noticed an increase in the attendance in his shows which are of the same type. Matchmaker George Sheppard is pleased over the gate appeal of Eddie Compo, bright featherweight prospect from New Haven. In his two most recent New Haven Arena bouts against Tommy Collins and Jock Leslie, crowds of 2000 and 5000 were turned away.

Hartford Auditorium — Denis "Pat" Brady, 135½, New York, scored a one-sided ten-round decision over rugged Pedro Biesca, 136, Mexico, in their long awaited match. Brady gave the swarthy Mex a drubbing in the first round as he staggered him with left hooks and rights to the head. From then on Brady seemed to be content to outbox his man.

Bobby Polowitzer, 130, East Hartford, appeared lucky to receive Referee Hughie Devlin's draw decision with Willie Roberti, 132, Puerto Rico, in the eight-round semi-final. Little David, 131, Jacksonville, Fla., Negro, now making Hartford his home, won by a technical knockout over Tommy Moore, 132, Boston, when the latter suffered a cut over his left eye in the second round of a sixer. Eddie Dumazel, 125, Cardiff, Wales, scored his third consecutive Hartford knockout by flattening Felix Rogers, 122, Puerto Rico, with a left hook in the first round of their six rounder. Al Renshaw, 153, New York Negro, and Rocky Dixon, 149, Atlanta, Ga., battled to a four-round draw. A crowd of 2,485 paid $4,271.95 to see the show.

Bridgeport Armory—Bernie Reynolds, 182, Fairfield, appeared off form in taking an eight-round decision over Roscoe Howard, 202, New York, in his first start since his knockout by Jackie Cranford. The bout was close and not too popular with the crowd, which was rooting for the underdog, Howard. Eldredge Eatman, 194, South Norwalk, had an easy time disposing of Noel Reed, 225, Hartford, in the third of the co-feature eight-rounder.

Don Mogard, 187, Toronto, scored a couple of knockdowns in the second round but had to be content with the decision over Claude McClintock, 185, Bridgeport, in their six-rounder. Eddie Marno, 162, Paterson, N. J., won a four-round decision over Tony Palermo, 162, Bridgeport, and in the opener Adam Williams, 179, Norwalk, scored over Lee Hunt, 179, New Haven. Pinky Morris, former Bridgeport boxer, refereed the first three bouts.

A crowd of 2,112 paid a total of $4,589.

New Haven Arena—Eddie Compo, 127, New Haven, scored his most important victory to date when he scored a decisive eight-round decision over Jock Leslie, 128, Flint, Mich. Leslie was the aggressor all the way through and the harder puncher but he was seldom ever able to get over his best punch—a hard right to the jaw. Compo boxed beautifully. Referee Lou Bogash had the fight very close.

Joey Lago, 123, Puerto Rico, and Aponte Torres, 124½, Puerto Rico, battled to an eight-round draw. Lago piled up an early lead but Torres' persistent attack slowed Lago down to an all even encounter. Herman Badger, 177, New Haven Negro, ended up all even with Jimmy Holden, 182, Newark, N. J., in a six-rounder. In fours, Kenny King, 144½, Hartford, stopped Howard Thompson, 145, New Haven, in the second; Bobby Arnold, 160, Stamford, halted Ricardo Rodelli, 160, New York, in the third with a cut eye; and Mike Gillo, 152, New Haven, battled to a draw with Bobby Holt, 150, Danbury.

About 5,500 saw the show with nearly as many reportedly turned away.

Hartford Auditorium—Vic Cardell, 143, Hartford, received a surprise in the person of Bobby Rosado, 139½, New York, in their eight-round bout. Rosado was a last minute substitute for Tommy Mills, who failed to appear. Cardell was staggered in the first by rattling right hands to his jaw. In the second, he was dropped for a seven count. In the third he came out fresh and met Rosado punch for punch and slowed the New Yorker down to a walk. The battle from then to the finish was nip-and-tuck. Referee John Cluney's draw was well received.

Willie Roberti, 130½, Puerto Rico, was held to a draw by Marcel Therreault, 132, Montreal, in their eight-rounder, although the majority of the spectators thought that Roberti had won the fight. Eddie Dumazel, 125½, Cardiff, Wales, came up with his fourth straight Hartford kayo when he stopped Kenny McLain, 128½, New York Negro, in the sixth round, of a third eight. A pair of semi-pro bouts opened the show.

Bridgeport Armory—Irish Jimmy Rooney, 124, Bridgeport, won seven of the eight rounds in proving to Frankie Pucci, 123, Paterson, N. J., in proving that an Irish fighter cannot be beaten on St. Patrick's day. Rooney used an educated left jab and sharp left hook to win. Pucci's bobbing and weaving tactics made the fight interesting.

Jimmy Callura, 126, Hamilton, Ont., scored a six-round decision over game Eddie O'Tash, 131, Bridgeport. O'Tash subbed for Jackie Harris of Malden, Mass., who was taken suddenly ill with fever and stomach cramps. O'Tash, who was called from the audience, put up a courageous battle that won the plaudits of the fans. Danny Falcone, 125, Manchester, was awarded a T.K.O. over Joe Palazza, 130, Boston, when the latter wrenched his knee in the fourth round of a sixer. Tony Palermo, 166, Bridgeport, stopped Billy Fuller, 166, Norwalk, in the first round of their four-spot. In the opener, Carmen Seminaro, 127, Bridgeport, stopped Billy O'Shea, 131, Brockton, Mass., in the third round.

A crowd of some 1,600 who paid a gate of $3,218, witnessed the show.

New Britain, Stanley Arena—Shamus McCray, 144, Cleveland Negro, now making his home in Hartford, scored a close eight-round decision over Johnny Bell, 143½, New Britain. McCray proved too experienced for the promising Bell, who repeatedly ducked into a right uppercut. Bell spilled McCray for a nine count in the sixth and then got over confident. McCray dropped Bell in the eighth and held the upper hand for most of the fight with his right uppercut. Referee Jimmy Peters awarded McCray five of the eight rounds, Bell one, and called two even.

Billy Morris, 141½, Torrington Negro, was awarded a technical knockout over Ken King, 144½, Atlanta, Ga., in the third round of the semi-final, when King suffered a broken right hand. Pat Vendrillo, 156, Manchester, knocked out Natie Brown, 151½, Albany, N. Y., Negro, in the third round. Later it was discovered that Brown had suffered a burst blood vessel in his left eye. Herb Tessier, 149½, Springfield, planted one on the chin of Rocky Dixon, 148½, Atlanta, Ga., in the first round to win by a knockout.

Hartford Auditorium — Joe (Sandy) Sadler, 128½, New York Negro, was unimpressive in his battle in Willie Pep's backyard, when he won all ten heats over Bobby Timpson, 133½, Youngstown, O. Timpson was guilty of holding and clutching all the way. Both fighters were down in the seventh for no count.

Dave (Little David) Seabrook, 131½, Jacksonville, Fla., won a pier 6 brawl over Henry Polowitzer, 136, East Hartford. Eddie Drake, 123, Meriden, boxed to a draw with Danny Falcone, 117, Manchester, in a six-rounder. In a third six spot, Maurice Fredericks, 118, clever New York Negro, scored over Charlie DeBow, 122, Springfield. In the opener, Sal DeMartino, 155½, Hartford, proved that he possessed a terrific punch by the manner in which he knocked out Johnny Warren, 150, Meriden, in the first round. It was DeMartino's pro debut.

A crowd of 1,914 paid a gross gate of $3,165.45.

New Haven Arena—Danny Webb, 130½, Toronto Negro, halted the comeback of Julie Kogon, 135, New Haven, in their ten-rounder. Webb proved too fast and busy for the veteran Kogon who was content to counter-punch. Kogon landed several hefty wallops but Webb was in good shape and shook them off. Referee Billy Taylor gave the first round to Kogon but found the other nine in favor of Webb.

Jimmy Rooney, 124, Bridgeport, exploded a left hook to the chin of Willie Roberti, 129, Puerto Rico, to score a knockout in the third of the eight-round semi-final. The action had been torrid for the first two rounds before the sudden ending. Vincent Morello, 140, Philadelphia, stopped Curtis Smith, 142, New York, in the first round of a sixer. Bobby Arnold, 163, Stamford, flattened Jimmie Cook, 162, New York, in the first round. In the opener of four heats, Earl Peebles, 148½, New York, decisioned Bobby Holt, 151, Danbury Negro. The show was witnessed by about 2,500.

Danbury Armory—Billy Morris, 140, Torrington, flattened Lou Massone, 142, Maspeth, L. I., in the fourth round. The bout headed Pete Montesi's Easter Show. A right to the chin spilled Massone in the third round. In the fourth a left hook followed by a right to the button planted Massone into the resin for keeps. The remainder of the show was made up of semi-pro bouts. Montesi reports there were 727 paid admissions compared to 596 for his previous show.

Norwalk Armory—Herman Badger, 175, New Haven, scored a two-round kayo over Chuck Davis, 172, Westport. After having an edge in the first round, Davis was dropped for an eight-count in the second. Another right spilled him out of the ring into the lap of Mayor Irving C. Freese. With the help of city officials Davis clambered back into the ring only to have Referee Bill Smith call a halt after another Badger barrage.

Tony Palermo, 167, Bridgeport, stopped Don Fisher, 165, Shelton, in the first round of the four-round semi-final. The remainder of the show was made up of semi-pro bouts. The show, Matchmaker Ralph Ruta's first, drew 673 customers who paid $1,088.

Here and there around the state—Torpedo Joe Acquatta of Hartford has a couple of welterweights from Atlanta, Ga., under his wing. They are Rocky Dixon and Kenny King.

George Sheppard has been so impressed by the recent showings of Eddie Compo that he is dangling a $15,000 offer for Willie Pep to defend his title against the New Havenite. . . . Bobby Arnold, University of Connecticut student, has turned pro and is raising the eyebrows of those who have seen him in action. He is a middleweight and bears watching. . . . Another boy to watch is Sal DeMartino, hard hitting Hartford middleweight, who likewise has just turned pro. He scored five knockouts in semi-pro warfare before joining the punch for pay ranks.

Pinky Morris, recent appointee to the state's refereeing staff, is doing a swell job . . . Billy Brown, Manchester middleweight who was going so well a short time ago, has been forced to quit the ring. Billy suffered a back injury a couple of years ago and twice in recent bouts has been stopped because of this injury. In his last bout with Joe Taylor, Brown became temporarily paralyzed on one side from the waist down. . . . This writer's address is Don Hamill, 367 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, Conn.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

IN this space a few months ago, we mentioned a few of the "ole guard" who did quite well for themselves in the art of busting beaks. Due to a limit of space, we omitted the names of many fighters who rated mentioning. However, we are taking this opportunity to add the many names left off the roster before. Such biffers as Mose Brown, Jimmy Davis, Custer Perry, Jimmy Columbo, Paul Ogre, Buddy McArthur, Tiger Hairston, Jack Sheppard, Jimmy (Kid) Smith, Howard Smith, Billy Manly, Tommy McCafferty, Billy Williams, "Pee Wee" Carney, Johnny Devlin, Harry Forbes, Mike Kearney, Harry DeVore, Kid Laymon, Billy Miles, Jack Kearns, Frank Moore, John Brizendine, Ross Fields, Bobby LaLance, Soldier Baker, Kid Monk, Eddie Moore, Pal Moore, Bill Edge, Speed Laymon, Ed Barry, Willie Yap, Jack Sharkey, Jimmy Blankenship, Clyde Roberts, Holly (Kid) Allen, and K.O. Powers certainly belong on this "honor roll." Sorry that we missed you first time to bat, fellows, but as we said before, this column was cramped for space.

In out of state outings, Jesse (Topper) Underwood, iced Young Lee Q. Murray in 8 at Baltimore. Stablemate Willard Coffey won 9 out of 10 rounds over Teet Montooth of Asheville, N. C.

An invitation is extended to all laymen traveling through the South to drop in at Ted Ball's Ringside Gym in Asheville, N. C. This is one of the country's finest training gyms.

Prospects of the month—Ron Harper, 136; Eddie Martin, 136, and A. B. Morton, 145, all of Charleston.

Tom Kiddy, note—Please get in touch with this reporter. Also Eddie Partin of Natchez, Miss.

On March 29 at the Music Hall Arena of Cincinnati Jesse (Topper) Underwood, local boy, easily beat Pat Iacobucci in a 10 rounder, but after doing everything but annihilate the plucky Pat, he wound up dropping the decision.

At the Wheeling Auditorium on Mar. 29—Marion Klingensmith, 160, Brownsville, Pa., knocked out Red Bineyard, 162, Wheeling, 4. Geo. K. Brown, promoter.

My address is at 72 Cline Court, Huntington, W. Va., or 7th Ave. Gym.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

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Miami—Bronx middleweight Mickey Zangara slugged out a knockout win over Jesus LaMela of Cuba after the latter made the mistake of trying to trade blows with Mickey. The end came in the sixth round. Romeo Ouimet, Canadian welter boxer, T.K.O.'ed the veteran Tampa boxer, Joey Raymond, in the tenth round. Phil Saad, Bridgeport 151-pounder, decisioned one-time Miami favorite, Ralph Calutti, 161, in six. Billy Decker, Miami welter, won over Billy Spangler, 148, in six more.

St. Petersburg—They gave Johnny Dupree, 174, of Tampa, the ten-round decision over Johnny Black, 170, of Fargo, N. D., and Jacksonville, but to the fans the North Florida boy really punched out the win and failed to receive it. By winning, Dupree kept his victory streak intact. Maxie Miller kayoed Oscar Neal in the opening bout. Raul Moran, Cuban middleweight, kayoed Bill Boyd in the second. Indian Jommy Maddox of Oklahoma was given an unpopular decision over Joe Sindone in six rounds. Danny (Buster) Ahearn, Bronx middleweight, was too much for Joe Thompson and registered a three-round T.K.O. win.

Davey (Little David) Seabrook, a Jacksonville Negro boxer, is campaigning in Hartford, Conn., rings where he hopes to break into the big time. Davey won his first fight there, scoring a two-round T.K.O. over Tommy Moore. The Jacksonville fighter is a lightweight.

Miami—Al Hirsch and Mickey Zangara, both New Yorkers, put on a fine fight here for ten rounds, throwing heaps of leather and at times both fighters looked on the way out only to snap out of it. The nod went to Hirsch, who tipped 147, and Mickey hitting 151½.

In the eight-round semi, Gene Smith, 149, kayoed Gus Aldrich, 155, in the fourth heat. Hy Meltzer, 141, defeated Angel Chavez, 141, in a six-rounder. Phil Saad won from Barney Monahan in a four-round middleweight match. Another four had Billy Decker, 145, winning over Snooks Howard, 137.

The Jacksonville *Journal* Station WJHP fifth annual Golden Gloves tournament was the biggest and most successful of any previous and a swell job was done by Ray Knight and many helpers. Knight was in charge and it was his debut, succeeding the late Charlie Small. The champions: 112, Charlie Hearns; 118, Aaron Garcia; 126, George Hood; 135, Joe Martin; 147, Cecil Johnson; 160, Charlie Stafford; 175, Sam Mirabella; heavyweight, Al Rogero. The above are open-class kings. The following took crowns in the novice classes: 112, Ray Stubbs; 118, Otto Aliffi; 126, Richard Ekmanias; 135, Lou Iannini; 147, Carlisle Stivender; 160, Sol Zwirm; 175, Jackie Belkie; heavyweight, Rickie Rignolo.

Best Prospect Bid—Sensational 18-year-old welterweight, Carey Mace of Hartford.

Best Prospect Bid—Johnny Dupree, Tampa, Fla., heavyweight.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS

By BILLY SHAW

FLASHING the form of a contender, Nick Barone, Syracuse's topnotch light-heavyweight, outpunched Ossie (Bulldog) Harris, rugged Pittsburgh Negro star, to win a unanimous ten-round decision in a thrilling battle at the Coliseum. A crowd of 5030 pail $8247.50 to witness one of the best fights of the season. Though Barone packed the harder wallop, and was continually tearing in, Harris' guile and ringcraft made him always dangerous.

There was a tense moment in the third round when Barone's eye was cut and it seemed the club physician, Dr. Charlie Heck, might stop it. However, Manager Henny Andrews and Trainer Nick Florio did an excellent patching job during the rest period, and Barone came out fighting. Youth and strength won for the Belting Beauty from the North Side, who shapes up as one of the greatest prospects to come out of this man's town since Ralph DeJohn first cropped up on the fistic horizon.

The bout was extremely interesting, with Harris displaying plenty of class and fortitude. The Bulldog was floored twice in the third, both flash affairs, as Ossie went down from a left-hook, and a minute later was dropped with a right-cross. In each instance the colorful Negro was on his feet instantly, grinning and fighting back. Judge Norman Ott gave Harris only one round, while Judge Nick Albino and Referee Tony Petta each called a round even. Both fighters scaled 167 pounds.

Barone looked like a million and added to his large following. Conditioned by Florio at Lew Stillman's Gotham gym, Nick was on the go every second. He tirelessly swarmed all over the crouching, bobbing Harris.

Rough Tony Masciarelli, 161½, New York, took an eight-round decision over Irish Bob Flanagan, 165, London, Ont., boxer, in the semi-final. Flanagan started strong, but Masciarelli bullied him around the ring whenever he could break away from Flanagan's clinches.

Results of the other bouts: Clem Custer, 131, Detroit, knocked out Frankie Jayne, 127½, Boston (1); Franklin Sublett, 134½, Detroit, outpointed Johnny Montreal, 130½, Solvay (6); Ernest Drummer, 153, Syracuse, decisioned Buddy Hartner, 157½, Detroit (4).

Irish Mickey Savage, 141, Detroit, annexed a loudly booed decision over Harold (Baby Face) Jones, 139, Detroit, in the ten-round windup at the Coliseum. This show, promoted by the Central City A.C., followed the Barone-Harris card one week later, which was presented by Promoter Louis Leone and his Syracuse Sporting Club, Inc. A crowd of 3800 turned out for the Savage-Jones brawl, a humdinger for action, paying $5601.25 to view the proceedings. Savage was cut under the left eye in the third and the gash bled intermittently throughout the ding-dong battle. Jones was knocked down in the first heat, but got up fighting mad and almost took the round.

There was some heavy clouting in the early rounds but neither was ever in danger of a knockout. Both boys can wing leather, but don't pack lethal socks. It was close all the way.

Tony DeMicco, tough Albany light-heavyweight, won as he pleased over Jimmy Hayden, California, 161, in the eight-round semi-final. Hayden spotted the well-rounded DeMicco 11 pounds, which was too much.

Hugo Bonacci, 158½, Syracuse crowd-pleaser, knocked out Leo West, 160, Albany, in the fourth round of the special. Joey Kushner, 129½, Syracuse veteran, took the nod over Angelo Zoave, 126½, Detroit, in a fast six. Roland Streety, 161½, Cleveland, O., scored a technical kayo over Allie George, 158, Utica, in the third, when the latter suffered a bad cut over his eye. George was in the lead until he received the injury.

Harold (Baby Face) Jones, the Central City A.C. choice as an opponent for a local match with Champion Willie Pep, made his biggest hit here, when he defeated Tommy Stenhouse, willing Buffalo slugger, in the ten-round main go at the Coliseum. Jones took the unanimous decision. Some 2200 fans paid approximately $3500 to see the exciting, hard-fought contest. Jones' win broke a record of 21 straight triumphs for Stenhouse. Tommy floored Jones for an eight-count in the first round, but Baby Face came back strong.

Willie Davis, 180, Syracuse, registered a seven-round knockout of the technical variety over Don Riffe, 188, Binghamton, in what was to have been an eight-round semi-final. A gash under Riffe's chin bled so freely Dr. Heck halted the go. It was a slow, drab match. Eddie Morton, 160, Albany, opened a bad cut over Jerry Fleming's eye, and the Rochester boy was forced to retire in the first under orders of Dr. Heck. Fleming tipped the beam at 155. Joey Kushner, 130, Syracuse ring veteran, nailed Jimmy Brown, 125½, Baltimore, in the first semester with his powerhouse left, and Brown knew enough to stay down for ten. Glen Hendershot, 146½, Binghamton, shaded Willie Giani, 151, Rochester, to win a hard-fought four-round curtain-raiser.

Promoter Louis Leone and his Syracuse Sporting Club, Inc., presented their first show of the season with a double feature which lured 3739, who paid $5992.50 through the ticket wickets. In one, Nick Barone, 167, Syracuse star, whipped Danny Martin, 161, Brooklyn, all the way in a ten-round finale. Showing a vastly improved left hand, better than he ever exhibited before, Nick kept jabbing and hooking with his left all the way. Nick scored to the body often with his right, a paralyzing blow. The verdict was unanimous.

Cliff Hart, 153, Syracuse's Blond Bomber, blasted Maurice Lavigne, 146, Montreal, to the canvas seven times before Referee Petta stopped the go and awarded Hart the fight on a T.K.O. in the fifth. Cliff toppled Lavigne in the second for eight, nine twice in the third, a count of eight in the fourth. Maurice was down again in this heat for no-count and was down twice in the fifth when Referee Petta halted the scrap.

Results of the other bouts: Johnny Montreal, 129½, Solvay, dropped the duke to Felipe Juarez, 129½, Mexico, after six hard-fought rounds. It was Montreal's first start after a long layoff. He was rusty but finished strong in the sixth. Billy Gillard, 127½, very popular Philadelphia Negro boxer, knocked out Ned Thomas, 134½, New York, in the first round of a scheduled six. Frankie Belanger, 146, Quebec, drew with Ernest Drummer, 151, Syracuse, in a red-hot four-round curtain-tilter.

A Sportsmen's Show will tie up the Coliseum most of the month of April, preventing the new Syracuse Sporting Club, Inc., from staging more than one show during that month. The Central City Club, however, is lucky. They get two dates for cards. Having two rival boxing clubs operate here is a good thing for the sport. Each is out to outdo the other in arranging attractive cards to get the business, and Joe Fan benefits from the rivalry!

Matchmaker Eddie Gallagher, an oldtimer in boxing, who at one time handled Bob Moody, the heavyweight, and Mickey Serrian, the welter, is a good matchmaker and works hard to make the Syracuse Sporting Club's cards top ones. He has first call on the services of Nick Barone and Cliff Hart, who share with Joey DeJohn, as the three most popular local fighters developed here in a decade.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND

By GEORGE ROSS

VALLEY ARENA, HOLYOKE—Joe Sandy Saddler of New York technically kayoed Thompson Harmon of New York in the eighth round. Harmon was hospitalized for some time after the fight. Johnny Parker of Springfield, Mass., knocked out Johnny Bell in the second round. Billy Morris of Torrington, Conn., won a six-round bout from Jimmy Parlo of Middletown, Conn. Gene O'Connor of Springfield, Mass., won a five-round bout from Vic Prebor of Burlington, Vt., and in the other five-rounder, Johnny Kelly of Middletown, Conn., won a split decision over Al Mayo of Burlington, Vt.

Valley Arena—Teddy "Redtop" Davis of Brooklyn, N. Y., gained a ten-round decision over Johnny Juliano of Paterson, N. J. Eddie Morton of Albany, N. Y., scored a technical kayo over Barney McCloskey of Nova Scotia in the fourth of a scheduled six rounder (cut eye). Charlie Dotson of Boston, Mass., stopped Natie Brown of Albany, N. Y., in the fourth. Bobby Duquette of Boston, Mass., knocked out Fred Roy of Albany, N. Y., in the first round. Freddie Verratti of Springfield, Mass., stopped Georgie Carson of Albany, N. Y., in the first.

Valley Arena—Ray Lewis of Hawaii punched out an easy ten-round decision over Tony Riccio of Boston, Mass. Johnny Parker of Springfield, Mass., stopped Eddie Mason of Boston, Mass., in the second. Jimmy Vincent of Lowell, Mass., scored a technical kayo over Jimmy Lynch of Worcester, Mass., in the third. Don Pearson of Middletown, Conn., won a five-round decision over Brownis Mikalis of Northampton, Mass. Johnny O'Keefe of Boston, Mass., won a five-round decision over Frenchie LaCroix of Hartford, Conn.

Valley Arena—Lou Casiano of the Bronx, N. Y., won a ten-round decision over Ted "Redtop" Davis of New York in a slow bout. Johnny Parker of Springfield, Mass., scored another kayo when he stopped Jimmy Vincent of Lowell, Mass., in the second round. Lou Bell of Lowell, Mass., won a technical kayo over Tony Roma of Hartford, Conn., in the fifth round. Rocky Dickson of Hartford, Conn., stopped Jimmy Graham of Boston, Mass., in the first round.

Lefty LaChance, a former favorite around Holyoke Valley Arena, is definitely on the downgrade. He was beaten by Oliver Desmarais of Manchester, N. H., at the City Hall, Lewiston, Me., on March 29.

Ervin Feinstein and Joe DeMaria have bought an interest in the boxing club at Troy, N. Y. Shows are held weekly.

MARITIME PROVINCES AND ONTARIO, CANADA

By C. W. STEELE

PROMOTER TUNNEY'S presentation featured Dave Castilloux and Simeon Waithe at the Toronto Gardens. Waithe lost the verdict but no doubt gained valuable experience in meeting the clever Castilloux.

Hamilton's Shamrock Club started operations at the Municipal Pool. Danny Saunders and Mike Zaduk impressed in winning their respective bouts.

Arthur King of Toronto won the Canadian lightweight title, and Fernando Gagnon, the bantamweight boss, annexed the featherweight title, stopping Hubert Gagnier, Quebec.

Kid Adshade, Glace Bay, decisioned Percy Paris, New Glasgow, in ten rough rounds at Halifax, N. S. Alvin Upshaw stopped Bill Landry in the semi-final six. Middleweights.

Manager Allack Marseille may bring his fighters to Canada. Star of the stable is Welterweight Kid Marcel.

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BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

AS this issue of THE RING goes to press, there is no saying what the ultimate result will be in the current "strike" of the New York Managers Guild against the 20th Century Sporting Club.

If the managers attain their objective—a "cut" of the television receipts—their next move probably will be to demand similar consideration for radio broadcasts.

Meanwhile, with boxing taking an enforced leave of absence from Madison Square Garden for six weeks, while the circus holds forth, the 20th Century's minor mauling mill, the St. Nick Arena, has been feeling the powerful effects of the Guild's boycott. The St. Nick already has eliminated its regular Monday night shows, and has been encountering all sorts of headaches trying to fill in the Friday night dates it uses while boxing is out at the Garden.

Meanwhile, the Park Arena, the only other indoor swattery in New York having its shows televised at present, is splitting its video returns with the fighters on a 50-50 basis, and the arrangement is expected to continue when the club shifts to its outdoor Jerome Stadium for the summer.

It also is understood that the Queensboro Stadium and the Ridgewood Grove, which have contracted for future television commitments, have consented to a similar division of their radio spoils.

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IF his right hand, bruised in the affair with Sonny Horne in Washington, responds to treatment in time, Rocky Graziano would like to pack in another tuneup (possibly with Pete Mead in Detroit), before he tangles with Tony Zale in their June 9 engagement in Newark's Ruppert Stadium.

Incidentally, there's a bit of irony in the setup of the Newark show. There is no more progressive, enterprising fistic authority in the business than Abe J. Greene, New Jersey State Athletic Commissioner, and President of the National Boxing Association. Yet in Abe's own back yard, there isn't one promoter of sufficient big-time proportions to handle an important affair like the Graziano-Zale bout. The show is being staged by an all-New York outfit, organized for the occasion.

Gus Lesnevich can hardly be censured for ducking a dangerous rival like Ezzard Charles to pick up a soft $75,000 for "defending" his light-heavy title against Freddie Mills in London. Mills gave Lesnevich a tough argument two years ago, before Gus finally stopped him in the tenth. But Lesnevich, still ring rusty from his long stretch in the Coast Guard, wasn't half the fighter then that he is now, while Mills, in the meantime, has been annihilated by Joe Baksi and Lloyd Marshall. Gus figures to belt Mills out in a hurry this time.

Something of a record was set for the New York rings recently when two main events, on successive nights, terminated early because of damaged left hands suffered by contestants. First, Buddy Farrell fractured his in the first round of his affair with Jose Basora at the St. Nick; then Joey Brocato dislocated a knuckle in the opening frame with Maxie Starr at the Broadway Arena, though he kept going until the second, when Referee Abe Simon called a halt.

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MAX JOSS takes exception to our reference to the Broadway Arena as the "House of Upsets." Says chubby Max: "Maybe some of our results this past season seemed like upsets, but actually they weren't; at least, not to me and my associates. When we match fighters, we try not to be influenced by their records. We figure their styles, and how well those styles may blend into good fights. A may whip B, and B may trounce C, yet C may be just the type of fighter to turn around and beat A. Styles have a lot to do with boxing, and just because the so-called 'smart money' may make one kid a top-heavy favorite, that doesn't necessarily mean he's that much better than his opponent. When we arrange our shows, we try to make the bouts as even-up as we possibly can. We don't always guess right, of course, but we've been lucky enough to have more hits than misses, and if some of those hits seem to be 'upsets', it's okay with us."

The years do move on. Gene Tunney will have completed his first 50 of them on May 25!

What a whale of a fighter welterweight Frankie Fernandez of Honolulu must be! In flattening Frankie Moore in three rounds recently, Fernandez wiped out the only defeat chalked up against him. (Moore had been credited with a seven-round kayo over him a year before, when a nasty gash over Fernandez' left eye prompted the referee to halt the scrap.) Though he's been fighting professionally for five years, the Puerto Rican-Hawaiian's complete record embraces only 18 bouts, but he's won 13 of them by knockouts. Besides Moore, he has stiffened such good 'uns as Nick Moran, Larry Cisneros and Joey Barnum. He also has battered out a decisive win over Roman Alvarez, dropping the clever New Yorker a couple of times in the process. Conditions being what they are these days, we could well use a Frankie Fernandez here, but there doesn't appear to be much likelihood of luring the young man away from his native Honolulu, where he is a tremendous favorite, fights only when he's in the mood, and grabs himself a robust paycheck any time he does.

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THE month of March, 1948, is one the Garden clientele isn't apt to forget for a while. Every one of the four main events staged during the month wound up in a knockout—and three of them in the first round! The only one to go beyond the opening stanza was the Marcel Cerdan-Laverne Roach affair, which went into the eighth, but had it not been for the confusing mess between Knockdown-Timer Jack Watson and Referee Arthur Donovan, Cerdan might have won in the second. A short-notice substitute for Joe Baksi, the veteran Lee Savold set a new record for the Garden's fastest main-event knockout by stiffening Gino Buonvino in 54 seconds. Gus Lesnevich (who held the previous mark of 59 seconds against Melio Bettina) came through with another fast one by polishing off Billy Fox in 1:58. And Rocco Rossano ironed out Eddie Giosa in 1:33. Cerdan's victory over Roach was officially recorded at 2:31 of the eighth. The elapsed time of all four bouts was 28 seconds short of a full ten rounds.

Paddy DeMarco's repeat decision over Terry Young again gummed up the 20th Century's plans to pit Young against Ike Williams in a lightweight title match. Because of his age, 20-year-old Paddy isn't eligible to fight more than ten rounds, so he's automatically eliminated as a possibility for a 15-round title engagement.

Any plans to bring DeMarco and Young together in a third meeting will have to be indefinitely postponed. Paddy is too busy honeymooning at present with his bride, the former Betty Valeschi of Brooklyn.

Incidentally, while DeMarco and Young were producing their second roughhouse, catch-as-catch-can, everything goes, Pier 6 brawl, one old-timer was heard to murmur to another: "Is this supposed to be boxing? The Marquis of Queensberry must be turning over in his grave!"

"Turning, hell!" snorted his companion. "He's spinning!"

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The month's results follow:

The Broadway Arena's remarkable season of surprise performances continued when an odds-on favorite, Jimmy Warren, 135½, Brooklyn, was edged out of a decision by Maxie Starr, 138½, Baltimore, in a nip-and-tuck eight. A knockdown in the final round swung the verdict in Starr's favor. In a co-feature eight, hard-hitting Charley Zack, 151¼, Scranton, had little difficulty whipping Henry Holt, 156½, Danbury, Conn. In the prelims, Pete Ferrente, 134½, Brooklyn, outpointed Lou Castrilli, 133¼,

Bronx, in six, and Nick Arcuri, 135, Union City, N. J., decisioned Joe Micelli, 138, Bronx, in four.

Packing an even more potent wallop than the popular summer refreshment of the same name, Tom Collins, 128¾, Boston, did a quick job of wrecking Tito Valles, 127¼, East Side, at the White Plains Civic Center. Collins dropped Valles three times before finishing him in 2:04 of the first. In the semi-final six, Eddie Drake, 125¼, New Haven, outpointed Frankie Jayne, 127, Wilkes-Barre, while in another six Mario Moreno, 140, Jamaica, stopped Art Garcia, 138, New Haven, in the third. In fours, Ben Holley, 121, Bronx, outpointed Tim Healy, 124½, Brooklyn, Al Caprio, 146¾, West Side, decisioned Andy Suarez, 151, Bronx, and Henry Schillizzi, 129, Bronx, finished ahead of Fred Monforte, 134, Brooklyn.

The latest heavyweight visitor from South America, Alfredo Lagay, 187¾, Argentina, shaped up well in whipping Jimmy Carollo, 208, Corona, in eight at Sunnyside Garden. It was Lagay's second start, and second win, in metropolitan rings, and the Argentinian would appear to be worth tabbing. In the semi-final six, Gerry Van Hook, 127, a newcomer from Philadelphia, clouted his way to a decision over Eddie Smith, 132, Harlem.

In a fast-punching eight, Ross Anzalone, 143½, Harlem, edged his way to a split decision over Joey Carkido, 140½, Youngstown, at the Park Arena. In a pair of sixes, Dick Schiavone, 137, Bronx, won over Barney Taylor, 134, Utica, and Julius Leonard, 169½, Bronx, outpointed Jim Polk, 167, West Side. Jimmy (Vinnie) Vingo, 136, Bronx, drew with Ernie Kerber, 136½, Jersey City, in four, and another four wound up in the third with Lenny Holton, 142, St. Louis, a kayo winner over Jim Robinson, 141, Harlem.

Nick Mistovich, 148, Youngstown, was returned a clear winner over Eli deLoech, 145, Harlem, in eight at the Jamaica Arena, but considering the short notice on which he substituted for the ailing Danny Ruggiero, deLoech gave a fine account of himself. In a hard-fought semi-final six, Leo LeBrun, 124½, East Side, outpointed Ivor Fredericks, 122½, Bronx.

Referee Abe Simon didn't think Johnny Haynes, 213½, Los Angeles, was "trying" against Gene Jones, 203, Philadelphia, in the semi-final to the Savold-Buonvino affair in the Garden, and disqualified him in the fifth. While the bout was a slow, pulling-and-hauling sort of thing, it wasn't altogether Haynes' fault. As a matter of fact, Jones did most of the holding, and Haynes was winning when the bout was stopped. Two close and disputed verdicts were handed out in sixes, when Roland LaStarza, 185, Bronx, was declared winner over Steve King, 194, Brooklyn, and Vern Mitchell, 189, Detroit, was given the nod over Willis (Red) Applegate, 194, Montclair. In fours, Henry Holley, 180, Brooklyn, whipped Jim Holden, 188, Elizabeth, and Tommy Merrill, 173, Camden, stopped Johnny DeNero, 174½, Rochester, in the first. The attendance was 5,500 and the receipts $14,500.

Up-and-coming Paddy Young, 147, Greenwich Village, made it 24 wins in 25 pro outings by stopping Ceferino Bronco, 146, Fall River, in the third at the Ridgewood Grove. In sixes, Juan Carrero, 137, Puerto Rico, defeated Charley Donovan, 136, East Side; Johnny Marino, 137, Brooklyn, whipped Greg Gomez, 140, Jamaica, and Harry Diduck, 130, Brooklyn, decisioned Georgie Knox, 132, Newark. In fours, Bobby Copeland, 148, Harlem, trimmed Freddie Walker, 146, also of Harlem, and Henry Schillizi, 128, Brooklyn, won from Paul Puglio, 131, Ozone Park.

As a substitute for a substitute, Laurie Buxton, 147½, Watford, England, was no match for the veteran Tommy Bell, 152, Youngstown, and Referee Frank Fullam called a halt at 2:28 of the third at the Broadway Arena. Buxton was a short-notice fill-in for Berl Charity, who had replaced Henry Chemel. The windup was in keeping with the rest of the card, which produced a deluge of knockouts. In the semi-final, Vinnie Cidone, 157, Coney Island, stopped Mel Griffin, 160½, Jamaica, in the second. Down twice in the second, Gene Salisbury, 142½, North Bergen, N. J., came back to floor Leon Harvey, 140½, Brooklyn, twice in the third and finish him in the fourth. In the other prelims, Johnny Marino, 135¾, East New York, stiffened Jay Carlin, 136, Philadelphia, in the second; Jimmy Field, 161, Brooklyn, battered Red Arrow, 161½, Oklahoma, helpless in two, and in the only scrap that went the limit, Frankie Carini, 131, East Side, walloped Paul Darby, 126, Jamaica, in four.

Joe Vella's latest heavyweight hope, Carmine DiGeorgio, 213, Long Island City, ran into unexpected disaster at Sunnyside Garden when he was bowled over by Ted Walters, 213, Brooklyn, in the fourth. It was DiGeorgio's first setback in six professional outings. For three rounds it was a rugged brawl between two crude but willing sluggers, but early in the fourth Walters nailed DiGeorgio flush on the chin and sent him to the canvas. After two more knockdowns, Referee Jim Crowley halted matters. In the semi-final six, Al Rosario, 167, Harlem, outpointed a neighborhood rival, Jimmy Johnson, 170½.

One of the season's top performances was turned in by veteran Lee Savold, who, after being out of the ring for seven months, substituted on short notice for Joe Baksi, and set new Garden record by knocking out Gino Buonvino in 54 seconds!

A fast, hotly-contested eight at the White Plains Civic Center resulted in a close decision for Al LaBarba, 148, Bronx, over Tommy Ciarlo, 144, Waterbury. In the semi-final six, Eddie Dumazel, 125½, Cardiff, Wales, proved a bit too much for Jackie Cunningham, 125, Elizabeth, and breezed in with the verdict.

Tony Bertucci, 160, of Brooklyn's Red Hook district, whipped Billy Kilroy, 157, East Rutherford, N. J., over the eight-round route at the Eastern Parkway Arena. In sixes, Billy Taylor, 165, Jamaica, defeated Jimmy Taylor, 158, Boston, and Johnny Johniken, 134½, Harlem, outpointed Leonard Ceasar, 138, Jersey City. In fours, Frank Belanger, 147½, Quebec, decisioned Frankie Balestra, 145½, South Brooklyn; Eddie Neugeth, 175, Brooklyn, stopped Leo Gussa, 168½, Montreal, in the first, and Tim Healey, 122, Brooklyn, trimmed Jerry Iglesia, 119¼, a borough rival.

Long Island's latest favorite son, Jimmy Herring, 153¾, Ozone Park, hardly got himself a workout against Andy Suarez, 152, Bronx, at the Jamaica Arena. Suarez, who dropped for Jimmy Wilson, apparently was in no mood to fight. He was dropped once by a lusty right to the chin, then went down twice without being hit, and Referee Harry Gleischer decided to call a halt at 2:36 of the first. In sixes, Mario Moreno, 139¾, Ozone Park, decisioned Eddie O'Tash, 141, Bridgeport; Charley Titone, 123½, Ridgewood, outpointed Harry Diduck, 128½, Brooklyn, and Joe Lindsey, 180¼, Brooklyn, stopped Jackie Swanson, 174, Cleveland, in the third. In fours, Ray Cruz, 152, Williamsburgh, was awarded a disputed verdict over Roosevelt Henry, 149¾, Harlem, and William Ashwood, 153½, West Side, stiffened Earl Stevenson, 149½, Flushing, in the first.

In their first meeting, at the St. Nick Arena, Eddie Giosa survived two first-round knockdowns to come on and make a close battle of it with Rocco Rossano. It looked as though history was due for a bit of repeating when Giosa again went down twice in the first round of their Garden clash, but this time Eddie couldn't make it. He was counted out on his second trip. The time was 1:33. Rossano had a six-pound pull in the weights, the Brooklynite scaling 144 to Philadelphia Eddie's 138.

In two other tens, Johnny Williams, 140, Montgomery, Ala., overcame a pair of knockdowns in the first to outlast Freddie Dawson, 139, Chicago, in a bruising affair, and Harold Green, 155¾, Brooklyn, eked out a close and disputed verdict over Smuggy Hursey, 158½, Washington, in one of the best fights seen in the Garden this season. Hursey substituted for Rocky Castellani, who was injured in training.

In a pair of fours, Marcel Pacheco, 136¾, Puerto Rico, shaped up as a kid worth tabbing by the manner in which he lambasted Mannie Torres, 140, Phoenix, Ariz., and Fairest Norman, 145¾, Mount Vernon, drew with Bobby Dawson, 146½, Harlem. The attendance was 10,088 and the receipts $34,124.

Joey Juliano, 152, East Side, knocked out Jimmy Pierce, 147, Vancouver, B. C., in 1:44 of the second at the Ridgewood Grove. The main event kept pace with its supporting card, which scattered kayoes all over the premises. The only bout that went its prescribed route was the opening four, in which Billy Forde, 128, Brooklyn, outpointed Bill Miller, Ozone Park, 123. In the semi-final, Jimmy Herring, 152, Ozone Park, ran off his sixth straight knockout of 1948 by stopping Freddie Simpson, 145, Bronx, in the second. In the other numbers, Andy Drachmas, 144½, East Side, halted Bob Rasado, 140¾, Puerto Rico, in the third; Perry Lowe, 152, Newark, stowed away Bill Dooley, 152½, Jamaica, in the fourth, and Johnny Breitenbruck, 148½, Ridgewood, iced Louie Wilson, 147½, Philadelphia, in the second.

Dick Wagner, 166¼, Portland, Ore., packed too much stuff for Rudie Richardson, 156, Brooklyn, and stopped him in the sixth at the Park Arena. Richardson absorbed a vicious lacing all the way, and was in bad shape when Referee Jack Appel intervened. Joe Scarlato, 130½, Bronx, outpointed Danny Martin, 127½, Detroit, in the semi-final six, while another scheduled six wound up in the fifth with a kayo win for Ray Carter, 150½, Harlem, over Al Fisher, 156, East Side. Draws were registered in two fours, Mike Carney, 160, Bronx, fighting on even terms with Lee Patrick, 159, St. Louis, and Quinn Dorsch, 142, Darby, Pa., stalemating Joe Zatrica, 138, Bronx.

A fractured left hand, suffered by Buddy Farrell, 160½, Newark, in the first round at the St. Nick Arena, gave Jose Basora, 160, Puerto Rican veteran, credit for another kayo in his comeback campaign. The bout was ordered stopped by the Commission physician, Dr. Vincent Nardiello, after examining Farrell's injury. In the semi-final eight, Harry Lasane, 133, Houston, Tex., outpointed Johnny Johniken, 129¾, Harlem. Mannie Torres, 139½, Phoenix, Ariz., decisioned Jimmy Tarangelo, 138¾, Greenwich Village, and Wally Doktor, 122½, East Side, outfought Joe Gamby, 127, Coney Island, in sixes. In the opener, scheduled for four, Lew Perez, 156½, Puerto Rico, halted Bill Astwood, 155, Harlem, in the third.

Bernie Bernard, 134¼, Williamsburg, outpointed Al Pennino, 133, of Brooklyn's Red Hook section, in a fast eight at the Eastern Parkway Arena. In sixes, Johnny Moran, 131, Puerto Rico, defeated Arthur Vernon, 125, Philadelphia, and Mel Williams, 142, Trenton, whipped Frankie Fraser, 142, Bronx. In fours, Frankie Balestra, 145½, Borough Park, outpointed Donald Scalzo, 145½, Bronx; Tim Healy, 121½, Williamsburgh, dropped a decision to Ben Halley, 121½, Harlem, and Bobby Dawson, 146¼, East Side, stopped Carlin Scott, 142½, Bronx, in the third.

Up-and-coming Andy DePaul, 151, native Pittsburgher, now operating out of the Cliffside Park, N. J., headquarters of Joe Vella, packed a bit too much ambition and a few too many fists for Roger Whynott, 146, Halifax, N. S., and finished in front of a lively eight at Sunnyside Garden. In the semi-final six, Ray Edwards, 128¼, Jamaica, had the better of George Wright, 129, Philadelphia.

What started out as a robust slugfest at the Broadway Arena between Joey Brocato, 136, East Side, and Maxie Starr, 139, Baltimore, suddenly terminated in the second when Referee Abe Simon, sensing something wrong with Brocato's left hand, halted the match and learned that Joey had jolted a knuckle out of place. In sixes, Pete Ferrente, 137, Red Hook, outpointed Charley Donovan, 135½, East Side; Nick Arcuri, 137, Red Hook, stopped Kenny McLain, 130½, Bronx, in the fifth; Shaddy DeVane, 143½, Brooklyn, flattened Freddie Walker, 145, Harlem, and Tommy Apoostola, 143, East Side, halted Louis Wilson, 143½, Philadelphia, also in the second. In fours, Ralph Gigante, 148½, Greenwich Village, defeated Lenny Holton, 143½, St. Louis, and Tony Bove, 144¾, Brooklyn, whipped Roosevelt Henry, 141¼, Harlem.

Joey Carkido, 140, Youngstown, was too fast, clever and too snappy a puncher for rugged Al Guido, 141¾, Bronx, and scampered home with the decision in eight at the Bronx Arena. Jerry LaStarza, 160¾, Bronx, flattened Billy Giovana, 160¾, Garfield, N. J., in the sixth of the semi-final.

Steadily-improving Solly Cantor, 136¼, one of the likeliest of Bill Daly's young imports from Toronto, ran off his fifth straight win of 1948 by stopping Henry Polowitzer, 138½, Hartford, Conn., in the seventh at the Jamaica Arena. Another Canadian, but not a stablemate of Cantor's, didn't fare so well in the semi-final, when Marcel Therreault, 131, Shawningan Falls, was beaten by Al Smith, 131, Ozone Park, in six.

It looks as though the Paddy DeMarco-Terry Young series could continue indefinitely without either rival establishing definite superiority over the other, Their ten-round encore in the Garden was practically a carbon copy of their eight-round premiere, with DeMarco again copping a split and disputed verdict. Skill was conspicuous by its absence as Brooklyn Paddy, 136½, and East Side Terry, 139½, slugged, mauled and butted each other all over the premises. At the finish, Referee Walsh and Judge Tom Gilfoyle thought DeMarco had the edge, while the other judge, Jack O'Sullivan, cast his vote for Young.

In the semi-final six, Bee Bee Wright, 151, Philadelphia, copped a close decision from Charley Williams, 149, Newark. The styles of the rivals didn't blend too well, and the result was a slow affair, marred by too much holding. In another six, Rube Jones, 161¼, Norfolk, trounced Nick Kashuba, 160½, Brooklyn. Kashuba spoiled the action by his persistent holding and pushing. Eugene (Dummy) Hairston, 147¾,

Bronx, gave Jerry Coursol, 144¾, Montreal, quite a going over until Referee Joe Vaccarella called a halt in the fifth. Ray Aliverto, 163½, Brooklyn, outslugged Al Rosasco, 165, Bronx, in a bruising four.

One of the best turnouts of the season, 17,114, contributed a gross of $75,853 to the till.

Jamaica's consistently winning Freddie Menna, 147, continued along his winning way by punching out a decision in eight over Jimmy Collins, 145, Baltimore, at the Ridgewood Grove. In another eight, Sid Haber, 149, Brownsville, whipped Juan Carrero, 140, Puerto Rico. In sixes, Johnny Marino, 138, East Side, won over Greg Gomez, 136, Jamaica, and Johnny Wolgast, 129, Philadelphia, trimmed Harry Diduck, 130, Brooklyn. In the opening four, Abie Hopes, 163, Brownsville, shellacked Lew Perez, 158, Puerto Rico.

Frankie Abrams, 148½, Detroit, came up with something of a surprise at the Eastern Parkway Arena by outpointing Vinnie Rossano, 151½, Brooklyn, in eight. In sixes, Vinnie Cidone, 156½, Coney Island, knocked out Bill Astwood, 155¼, Harlem, in the second, and Ray Edwards, 129, Jamaica, beat Marcel Therreault, 131, Shawningan Falls, Canada. In fours, Hector Rodriquez, 122, Columbia Heights, decisioned Paul Darby, 127, Jamaica; Cliff Stevens, 147¼, Union, N. J., whipped Robert Miller, 147, West Side, and Tim Healy, 126½, Brooklyn, defeated Henry Schillizzi, 126, Middle Village.

By way of convincing Jimmy Warren, 136½, Brooklyn, that there was nothing amiss with the win he had registered over him three weeks before, Maxie Starr, 139, Baltimore, returned to the Broadway Arena to repeat in a lively eight. Don Hassock, 163½, Paterson, decisioned Mike Carney, 158, West Side, in the semi-final six, while another six wound up in the second when Marcel Pacheco, 139, Puerto Rico, flattened Oscar Lewis, 137½, Bronx. In fours, Leon Harvey, Brooklyn, outpointed Mickey Alagne, 142, Ridgewood, and Frank Carini, 132½, East Side, halted John English, 137½, Harlem, in the first.

Returning to the ring after an absence of three and a half months, Tony LaBua, 138, Ozone Park, celebrated the occasion by taking a decision from Jimmy Anest, 138½, Brooklyn, in a hard-fought eight at Sunnyside Garden. Another Ozone Park product, Mario Moreno, 141, whipped Jimmy Tarangelo, Greenwich, in the semi-final six. Another six resulted in a verdict for Frankie Belanger, 148, Quebec City, over Earl Peoples, 149, Bronx. In fours, Dan Bowman, 124½, Brooklyn, defeated Angel Ayala, 129½, West Side; Jerry Iglesia, 119, Brooklyn, optpointed Julie Colon, 119½, Greenpoint, and Bobby James, 160, Harlem, trimmed Lew Perez, 158½, Puerto Rico.

In one of the best main events of the season at the White Plains Civic Center. Solly Cantor, 133½, Toronto, punched out a decision in eight over Pat Brady, 138½, Bronx. Pat, a brother of the better-known Dennis Brady, made things interesting all the way, but the Canadian was a bit too shifty for him. Promising Bernie Dowd, 133, Livingston, N. J., knocked out Lulu Vitolo, 129¾, in the fourth of the semi-final. Julie Leonard, 168½, Bronx, outpunched Cas Sugalski, 163¼, Paterson, in six. In fours, Joe Lindsay, 182½, Brooklyn, bulled his way to a win over Carmine Vingo, 194½, Bronx; Earle Stevenson, 151½, Flushing, flattened Andy Russo, 152¾, Bronx, in the first, and Buddy Sloan, 144, Brooklyn, stopped Jimmy McPartland, 140¾, Long Island City, also in the opening frame.

A pair of knockdowns helped cinch the verdict for Joey Belfoire, 138, Philadelphia, over Al Starling, 135, Trenton, in a top six at the Park Arena. In other sixes, Lou Russo, 146, Bronx, whipped Lenny Holton, 145, St. Louis, and Danny Martin, 129, Detroit, decisioned Eddie Dumazel, 122, Cardiff, Wales. Two other scraps wound up in one-round knockouts, Sal Ferello, 130½, Bronx, flattening Georgie Wright, 132¾, Philadelphia, and Teddy Pritchard, 144, Harlem, polishing off Donald Scalzo, 144, Bronx.

Two consistently winning youngsters, Paddy Young, 146, Greenwich Village, and Jimmy Herring, 151, Ozone Park, kept pace with each other by posting a pair of triumphs at the Ridgewood Grove. Young whipped Freddie Patterson, 146, Rochester, in the main eight, while Herring flattened Maurice Lavigne, 150, Montreal, in the third of the semi-final. In prelims, Johnny Breitenbruck, 146, Ridgewood, trounced Lenny Holton, 147, St. Louis, and Steve King, 189, Brooklyn, outfought John Holloway, 199, Florence, S. C.

Doug Ratford of Harlem seems to have Kid Gavilan's "number." Aside from the decision he dropped to Lightweight Champion Ike Williams in the Garden, Gavilan has suffered only two defeats in 16 American starts—both at the hands of Ratford. By way of proving that the victory he scored over the flashy Cuban in Newark last summer was no mere flash in the fistic pan, Ratford repeated the performance at the Broadway Arena. The scrap was close and hard-fought, but Ratford had the edge at the finish. Doug scaled 141 to Gavilan's 142½. In supporting sixes, Greg Gomez, 138, Jamaica, outpointed Charley Donovan, 135, East Side, and Vic Arcuri, 131½, Union City, flattened Henry McLain, 129½, Bronx, in the first. In fours, Ralph Giganti, 147½, Greenwich Village, whipped Roosevelt Henry, 144, Harlem; Joe Micelli, 139, East Side, defeated Bill Cody, 142½, Greenwich Village, and Jimmy DeSouza, 163½, Brooklyn, polished off Billy Conklin, 159½, Paterson, in the second.

Substituting for Solly Cantor, Pat Brady, 138½, Bronx, edged out Pete Ferrente, 136½, of Brooklyn's Red Hook district, in eight at the Eastern Parkway Arena. The bout was slow in the early rounds, but picked up speed in the closing frames. In the semi-final six, Vinnie Cidone, 156¾, Coney Island, survived a knockdown in the first to outpunch Eddie Richardson, 161, Paterson. In another six, Billy Leggett, 120¾, Trenton, halted Johnny Moran, 131, Bronx, in the third after dropping him twice in the second. A third six resulted in a draw between Leo LeBrun, 123, Bronx, and Ray Edwards, 129, Jamaica. In fours, Junius Woods, 147¾, Brooklyn, whipped a borough rival, Shaddy DeVane, 145, and Bobby Brown, 155, Brooklyn, flattened Earl Peoples, 151, Bronx, in the first.

The return heavyweight battle between Carmine (Chang) DiGeorgio and his conqueror Ted Walters, at Sunnyside Garden, fell apart when DiGeorgio claimed to be ill with the grippe. But Benny Rusk, 202, Pasadena, Texas, proved an able short-notice substitute, coming on from behind to pound out a decision over Walters, 206½, Bronx, in a rugged six. A nasty gash was ripped over Rusk's left eye in the second, and in the third he was dropped for nine, but he rallied to hand Walters a terrific lacing in the last three rounds, flooring Ted for nine in the finale. Bobby Blue, 135½, Astoria, stopped Filipe Fuentes, 130¾, Mexico City, in the third of the semi-final. In other sixes, Lester Felton, 143, Detroit, decisioned Frank Fraser, 144, East Side, and Frank Belanger, 147¾, Canada, outpointed Joe Darby, 146, Paterson. In fours, Paul Puglia, 134, Ozone Park, whipped Shazum William, 136, Harlem, and Len Durham, 140½, Brooklyn, outfought Joe English, 144½, Harlem.

Fritzy Pruden, 141½, St. Catharine's, Ont., who is rapidly establishing himself as one of the better of the younger welterweights operating hereabouts, was hard pressed to edge out rugged Al LaBarba, 148, Bronx, in a hard-fought eight at the White Plains Civic Center. In the semi-final six, Jimmy Tarangelo, 139½, Bronx, punched out a decision over Danny Butler, 137½, Harlem.

After dropping his opponent, Jimmy Hegeman, 129½, Brooklyn, in the first at the Park Arena, Joey Scarlato, 129¾, Bronx, seemed well on his way to running off his 20th straight win as a professional, but his luck started to run out in the second when he was floored himself, and from then on he found Hegeman a bit too experienced for him. Hegeman was awarded the decision in six. In other sixes, Nat Terranova, 127, Bronx, whipped Marcel Therreault, 131, Canada, and Jerry LaStarza, 160¾, punched out a win over Lee Patrick, 159½, St. Louis.

IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

RETURNING to pre-war form, Pat Valentino, Excelsior district favorite, fought one of the best fights of his career as he pulled a mild upset by holding Joey Maxim, highly-rated Cleveland Italian, to a fast ten-round draw before a $19,622 house at the Civic Auditorium.

In better shape than any fight he had had since shedding his Navy blues, Pat failed to tire in the latter sessions as usual, but came on strong to grab the draw. The verdict enables the localite to toss his gloves into the heavyweight picture. Valentino forced the milling throughout. He had an edge in the early rounds. His two fisted attack to the body crowded Maxim time and again and forced Joey to run for shelter.

In the tenth with the going about even, Valentino's aggressive body attack took a switch to the head and solid blows easily earned him the draw. There were no knockdowns.

Referee Joe Gorman and Judge Frankie Brown voted draws, while Toby Irwin favored Maxim by a shade.

In the semi-final, Zeke Lucere trounced Hal Robbins in a fast but one-sided eight-rounder. Louie Jordon, 146, won a T.K.O. over Phil Montes in the fourth round. Ray Voris, light-heavyweight, stopped Percy Butler in four, and Emil Barao decisioned Wherele Peppers in the opener.

After being overmatched in his last few encounters, John L. Davis, popular Oakland lightweight, was finally pitted against someone in his own class and won the unanimous ten-round decision over Mario Trigo, tricky Los Angeles switch-hitter, at the Oakland Auditorium.

Davis' relentless attack and harder punching overshadowed Trigo's clever boxing in a fast and entertaining tenner. Weights were Davis 135, Trigo 135. Frankie Brown refereed. The gate hit $5290.

In a slugfest semi-final, Mongo (Rocky) Luciano, 149, San Francisco punching fool, closed fast to win the nod over Richie Duane, 149, in six rounds. The verdict could have been a draw in this thriller.

Nathaniel Huskey, 139, clever Negro, was held to a draw by Benny Walker, 141, in six rounds. Johnny O'Neill, 182, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Whitehead in three. Ray Voris, 174, and Sam Jordon, 174, drew in four.

Bert Lytell, popular Oakland middleweight, was awarded a five-round technical knockout over Watson Jones, 171½, Los Angeles "playboy," in their scheduled ten-rounder at the Oakland Auditorium. Referee Jack Downey, after cautioning Jones several times, stopped the bout and asked the commission to hold up Jones' purse for failure to make a decent fight.

Lytell, completely innocent of the fiasco, was winning handily, giving Watson a boxing lesson with his unorthodox tactics. Weights were Lytell 166, Jones 171½.

In a smashing sixer, Rocky Luciano, the Butchertown bomber, held the edge over Art Soto, but only received a draw. Alex Amador, lightweight, defeated Frankie Brown in another sixer. Ray Voris drew with Sam Jordon, and Louie Jordon defeated Hal Robbins in four.

Zeke Lucero made his main-event debut a success as he edged out a split decision over Nate Huskey in ten rounds at the Coliseum Bowl. Referee Jack Silver voted a draw, while Judges Frankie Carter and Frankie Brown carded Lucero the winner.

It was a close scrap with neither battler inflicting much damage. There were no knockdowns. Lucero did buckle Huskey's knees in the second with a right to the jaw, and in the third Nate reversed the procedure. Huskey received a swollen optic in the first and Lucero suffered a slight cut under his right eye in the fourth. Weights were Zeke 137½, Huskey 138.

Preliminaries: Eddie Russey, 154½, got off the floor to decision Vepe Watson, 149½, in a rousing four-rounder. After being decked, Eddie, a dandy prospect, weathered the storm and rallied to the delight of the crowd. Lou Montoya, 148½, copped the duke from Clarence Reed, 144, in four. Alex Marotti, 142, drew with Louie Jordon, and Frankie Brown upset the comeback campaign of Hamo Kazarian, 138, in the opener.

The Baer brothers, Max and Buddy, split referee assignments in the undercard.

Anton Raadik, Estonia middleweight, pleased local fans in his first Coast fight by easily stopping durable Georgie Duke, Petaluma cutie, in the tenth and final round at the Civic Auditorium. The bout was halted in 2:50 of the tenth round.

Raadik piled up a sizeable lead with short, choppy blows. Georgie fought only in spurts.

Weights were Raadik 160, Duke 158½.

In a fast semi-final, Dave Whitlock, local light-heavyweight, decisioned Johnny O'Neill, Oakland, in six rounds. Whitlock scaled 173, O'Neill 177. Alex Amador, Oakland lightweight, copped over Manuel Montes, 138, in four. Lou Montoya, 148, outpointed Willie Mayberry, 152, in four, and Hamo Kazarian, 135, registered a T.K.O. over Doyle Edwards, 137, in one of the curtain raisers.

Oakland fans were treated to a Donnybrook when Bernard Docusen, top-notch New Orleans welterweight, and Earl Turner, popular Richmond Negro, battled ten vicious rounds with Docusen coming through with a well-deserved decision. A very satisfied crowd paid out a gross gate of $17,671 to witness this corking contest.

Docusen's boxing ability made Turner miss plenty. The fourth round was the best session, as both stood at arm's length and traded punches without a letup for a full minute.

Both fighters received a tremendous hand at the finish. Weights were Docusen 147, Turner 149.

Benny Walker, 138½, won over Joe Kelly, 136, in six rounds of the semi. Alex Amador, 143, outpointed Frankie Brown, 144, in four. Gene Dillsworth, 154, scored a fourth-round technical knockout over Lou Simon, 150, in the best prelim bout of the month.

SHORT JABS: Pat Valentino figures to become San Francisco's leading drawing card. Manager Jack Andrade wants to show the local Italian in the East. . . . Oakland Billy Smith is going great guns in the Midwest. His three-round kayo of Bob Foxworth in Cincinnati stamps him as one of the best 175-pounder in the game. When at his best, Smith is plenty tuugh and it appears he was in top condition for the Foxworth embroglio. . . . Hard-punching Billy Arnold, tabbed as a future champ a few years back, is now in Oakland seeking bouts on the West Coast. . . . Expected here soon is Dado Marino, Hawaiian flyweight sensation, along with Manager Sam Ichinose. . . . Another arrival from thee Island soon will be Marino Tiwanak, promising bantam. Sid Flaherty will direct the booking of Tiwanak during his stay. . . . Two up-and-coming heavyweights in these parts are Dave Whitlock, undefeated youth, and Dee Edwards. Edwards' recent win over George Millich at Sacramento tabs him as a steady main-eventer. . . . George (Sugar) Costner looking forward to his tiff with California Jackie Wilson for the state welterweight title.

Leon (Bombo) Chevalier, Negro heavyweight, who fought Primo Carnera in Oakland a few years back, passed away in San Francisco following a stroke. . . . Bombo will be remembered for the scare he gave the "Preem" during their battle.

ADDITIONAL CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

RONNIE CLAYTON of Blackpool lost one of his three titles to the French Featherweight Champion, Ray Famechon who was declared the winner at the end of 15 rounds at Dan Appleby's show at Nottingham. Clayton still holds the British and Empire featherweight titles because Famechon is not eligible to box for these.

Danny O'Sullivan (Finsbury Park) aspirant for the British bantamweight title knocked out Tom Cummins (Leicester) in the sixth round. Charlie Squires (Coventry) outpointed Johnny Summers (Glasgow) over eight rounds.

While Brother Ray was winning over Ronnie Clayton at Nottingham, Andre Famechon, 137½, strengthened his claim for a European lightweight title shot, when he was declared the winner over Billy Thompson, 139¼, European title holder, in 10 rounds at Newcastle.

Bob Frost, the unbeaten ex-amateur welterweight from West Ham, showed improved form to score a K.O. win over the hard hitting Bournemouth welterweight Jim Bryan, at Leyton—the end came in the third round when a short right to the jaw put Bryan down and out for fully ten minutes. Harry Davis (Bethnal Green) outgeneraled Billy Hall (Bournemouth) in their eight-round contest, and was a clear winner on points.

Ben Duffy (Jarrow) pulled off a smart performance when he stopped Reg Quinlan of Ammanford in the fifth round when referee Austin O'Connor stopped the contest in Duffy's favor after Quinlan had taken several counts.

Arthur "Ginger" Sadd the Norwich cruiserweight, defeated Pat Stribling (Croydon) in the sixth round at Croydon, the latter was in a bad way when the contest was stopped.

Tommy McGovern, 135, ex-amateur champion who started his professional boxing career in the U. S. A., made a welcome appearance in a British ring when he won an easy points victory over Billy Barton of Liverpool, 135, over eight rounds at Poplar.

Henry Hall (Sheffield) scored a K.O. win over Willie Whyte (Glasgow) in the 10th round in the welterweight eliminating series, at Sheffield.

Kid Germain (Barbados), 135, enhanced his reputation for an Empire title contest when he knocked out Harry Hughes (lightweight champion of Scotland), 135, in the second round at The Stadium, Liverpool. Morry Jones of Liverpool, 135, outpointed Johnny Carrington (Nottingham), 138, over eight rounds. Stan Gossip (Hull) won on points over Billy Hodgson (Lancaster) in an eight-round featherweight contest. Billy McDonald (Liverpool) knocked out Billy Price (Conway) in round three of a lightweight bout. Peter Gaskell (Wigan) knocked out Len Wiseman (Liverpool) in the first round of a featherweight bout.

Joe Beckett (Hempnall) outpointed Don Smith (High Wycombe) in eight rounds at Ipswich.

Reg. Spring (Southall) stopped Paddy Roche (Ireland) in the second round, when the referee intervened, at Watford. Trevor Burt (Ogmore Vale) outpointed Ronnie Croad (Hammersmith) in eight rounds of a middleweight contest.

Charlie Webster (Kentish Town), 158¾, won on points over Tommy O'Connor (Ireland), 137¾, in a hard-hitting, eight-round contest at Kings Cross. Johnny Russell (Covent Garden), 139¼, stopped Freddie Wheeler (Basingstoke), 139½, in the sixth round. Ron Pudney (Croydon), 165, outpointed Wally With (Hoxton), 161½, in six rounds.

Arthur "Ginger" Sadd (Norwich) outpointed Koffi Kiteman (Cardiff) in a cruiserweight contest of eight rounds at Slough.

Dickie O'Sullivan (Finsbury Park) was too good for Andy McCullogh in their flyweight contest at South Sea. The latter retired in the third round after being well beaten.

Roy Davis, the young Northampton lightweight, made an impressive showing in outpointing Vic Manini (Walworth) in eight rounds of a lightweight contest at Hove. Teddy Lee (Islington) knocked out Cyril Wills (Shrewsbury) in the second round of a welterweight contest. Bob Reeve (Plaistow) son of old-timer Harry Reeve, scored a first round K.O. over Gordon Jenkins (Pimlico), this was a middleweight contest.

Jim Wellard (Northampton) was extremely unlucky to have to be disqualified in the first round of his contest against Glen Pitman (Wales) at West Ham after having his opponent well beaten with body punches, only to be sent to his corner, and notified that he was ruled out for using the kidney punch. Ollie Williams (West Ham) outpointed Trevor Burt (Ogmore Valley) over eight rounds of a middleweight contest.

Jim Wellard, after his disappointment against Glen Pitman, traveled to Liverpool to meet Stan Hawthorne (South Shields) and scored his best win to date by gaining a clean cut K.O. victory in the second round. Hawthorne has been winning his contests as a welterweight, but could not withstand the hard left hooks that the Northampton boxer sent in, and succumbed to a left and right to the jaw.

At the Annual General Meeting of the British Boxing Board of Control a very important rule was thrown out in which the Stewards made during the year in which they said that Negro boxers would be allowed to box for a British title, BUT it was also passed that a boxer must be British and his father MUST be British at the time of his birth. This brought much discord amongst the license holder. The rule now reads THAT ANY BOXER BORN IN GREAT BRITAIN, HAS A RIGHT TO CONTEST FOR THE BRITISH TITLE.

Andre Gonnet a young French lightweight had his first contest as a professional, when he was called upon to meet Billy Thompson, European, and British lightweight champion over 10 rounds at Jack Solomons' 'Royal Albert Hall." Referee Moss Deyong ruled that Thompson had done enough in the last rounds to wipe off the big lead that the French lad had piled up, but from where I sat, I could not agree with his decision. Thompson was put down in the second round with as neat a left hook as one could wish to see, and from then on the Britisher fought back very gamely, but in the third round he took two further counts for 9, and was in a bad way, but he weathered the storm and then boxed on the retreat. Each weighed inside 138 pounds.

Mark Hart (Croydon) middleweight champion of the Southern Area, fought the best fight of his career to outbox, outfight, and outgeneral Bos Murphy (New Zealand), Empire middleweight champion, in eight rounds.

Joe Weidin, 209, Austria, scored a K.O. in the fifth round of a scrambling bout with Phil Van Niekerk of South Africa. Weidin has a lot to learn, judging by his poor showing, despite his victory.

Jackie Solomon (South Africa), 136½, outpointed Harry McMurdie (Edgware), 134, in eight rounds. Ron Draper, aggressive bantam, 120, from Southampton, defeated Mickie McKay (South Africa), 117¾, in the fifth round, when the latter retired owing to a damaged ankle. Tommy Lombard (South Africa), 128, knocked out Sammy Erwin (Balham), 127½, in the first round.

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ADDITIONAL BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By TED YAMACHIKA

A CROWD of 3914 fans paid $9061 to watch Henry Davis, 127¾, fighting for the first time since his decisive defeat to Chico Rosa, out-box and out-slug Bobby Jackson, 129¾, of Denver, Colo., to gain the unanimous decision in eight rounds at the Civic Auditorium. Jackson, rated third among featherweights in California, proved a willing mixer and traded blows at every opportunity, but Davis, fighting a cautious battle, was a bit too fast and punched hard enough to shade the Irish lad in nearly every round.

In the other eight-round bout, Tsuneshi Maruo, 122, scoring a no-count knockdown in the seventh, beat aging Aurel Toma, 124¾, only to have the referee and judge rule the bout a draw. The crowd favored Toma and booed the decision, but all the sports writers favored Maruo by safe margins.

Other results: George Tanabe, 146, beat Johnnie Johnson, 144, four rounds. Freddy Gonsalves, 130, won over Mamoru Hirota, 126, four rounds. Mike Ines, 130½, outpointed Arthur Frank, 133½, in the four-round opener.

The long-awaited return match between Frankie Fernandez, Territorial welterweight champion, and Frankie Moore of Oakland, Calif., was finally held outdoors at the Honolulu Stadium on March 23, and Fernandez won. In their first encounter, held about a year ago, Frankie Moore had won on a T.K.O. in the seventh round when Fernandez, suffering a deep gash over his left eye, was unable to continue the battle. Incidentally this is the only defeat chalked up against Fernandez in his boxing career, amateur and professional.

The second meeting between the two proved a one-sided affair, all in Fernandez's favor. Fernandez, at 143 proved entirely too strong for Moore, who came in at 138. Fernandez scored the kayo in 2:24 of the third round with a right, left and a right to the jaw. The quick succession of blows came as Moore was backed nearly to the ropes and there was so much power in them that Moore toppled to the floor.

The fight promoted by Leo Leavitt drew 12,662 customers for a gross gate of $42,559. Ringside seats sold for $10.

Other results: Robert Takeshita, 139¾, knicked out Frank Conti, 137¼, in 1:30 of the fifth of a scheduled eight-round bout. Ken Maeshirt, 136, decisioned Richard Silva, 133, six rounds. Freddy Sylvano, 130¾, won over Willie Candido, 129¾, six rounds; Willie Brown, 115, trounced Tommy Yamaoka, 117¼, in the four-round opener.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

CHARLEY RILEY, St. Louis title chasing featherweight, moved a step nearer to a title bout with Willie Pep, when he punched out a decisive win over the rugged Jose (Baby) Gonzales of Mexico in ten spirited rounds in the feature bout on Promoter Hans Bernstein's card on March 10, at Kiel Auditorium. Riley proved definitely that he is entitled to a shot at the crown. In the last seven rounds he displayed a left hand second to none, and last but not least, he weighed in at 127 pounds, just one pound to go for a title bout.

Gonzales, after sampling a couple of Riley rights, decided to go on the offensive and from there on, Riley pursued him around the ring jabbing and hooking the Mexican lad into a hopeless defeat. The officials scored the fight unanimously for Riley with Referee Ray Palmer and Judge Dick Young scoring it 55 to 45 for Riley. Judge Al Graf had Riley in front 54 to 46. The 4,429 fans who braved the biggest snowstorm of the year for the evening's fistic attraction, contributed to a gross gate of $9,453.85.

Pat Iacobucci, a Cincinnati featherweight made a home for himself in the Mound City when he punched his way to an eight-round win over Freddie Latson of St. Louis in the semi wind-up spot.

Complete Results follow:

Charley Riley, 127, St. Louis, decisioned Jose (Baby) Gonzales, 127, Mexico, in ten rounds, Ray Palmer, referee.

Pat Iacobucci, 127½, Cincinnati, outpointed Freddy Latson, 131, St. Louis, in eight rounds.

Virgil Akins, 138½, St. Louis, won from Albert Adams, 138, Kansas City, in six rounds. Penny Brown, 144½, St. Louis, defeated Whitman Burress, 145½, Cincinnati, in six. Harry Szersinski, 132, St. Louis, drew with Sammy Jones, 135½, Crystal City, Mo., in four.

In another Hans Bernstein promotion on April 5, Charley Riley, erased the only blot on his record in the past two years when he stopped Maxie Shapiro, the veteran New York lightweight in seven rounds to avenge a split decision lost to Shapiro in a New York ring several months ago. Shapiro was hopelessly outgunned from the opening bell. He was staggered several times by the sharp punching St. Louisian. The end came in the closing seconds of the sixth round when Riley landed a left and right to the jaw and Shapiro's mouthpiece was knocked out and the New Yorker was saved further punishment by the bell.

Shapiro went back to his corner and claimed that he could not close his mouth. It was thought at first that his jaw was broken. When the bell rang to start the seventh round Riley bounded across the ring and Shapiro, surrounded by his cornermen and Dr. Freedman, signaled that the fight was over. Riley was declared the winner by a T.K.O. in the seventh. X-rays taken at the Jewish Hospital showed that there was no fracture of the jaw and the injury was not regarded as serious.

Complete Results follow:

Charley Riley, 129½, St. Louis, stopped Maxie Shapiro, 135, New York, in the seventh. Dick Young, referee.

Penny Brown, 151, St. Louis, outpointed Alex Arella, 156, McKeesport, Pa., in eight rounds. Charley Baxter, 133, Cincinnati, won on a T.K.O. from Virgil Akins, 136½, St. Louis, in three rounds. Jesse Turner, 142½, St. Louis, decisioned Buster Mills, 140, Indianapolis, in six rounds. Doyle Upchurch, Indianapolis, 134, decisioned Sammy Jones, 132, Crystal City, Mo., in four.

The elements again decided to do battle with promoter Bernstein just prior to curtain time when it unloosed a regular old Missouri thunder shower with lots of rain and hail, but in spite of this, 5,540 fans turned out and paid $12,043.50 gross.

RIGHT CROSSES—Jim Bull, St. Louis middleweight, has joined the Armed Forces again and is out of the picture so far as St. Louis fights are concerned. . . . Walter C. Heisner, active as a boxing referee in St. Louis rings for many years until his retirement, died at Alexian Brothers' Hospital. . . . Maxie Shapiro, was penalized $100 when he failed to weigh in at 134 for his bout with Riley. Riley was awarded the C note.

At a meeting of the Missouri Boxing and Wrestling Commission, which was presided over by Chairman Floyd Jones, and attended by Bill Herring of St. Louis, John J. Robinson of Maysville, Thomas E. Walsh of Kansas City and Charles Pian, chief deputy in St. Louis, it was decided that Rocky Graziano, middleweight titleholder, would be permitted to box in Missouri.

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A CORRECTION

In the 1948 Ring Record Book, page 343, in record of Sammy Mastrean, Dec. 15, 1947, make line read:

Mastrean knocked out Cappy Benton in the eighth round instead of Mastrean being knocked out.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

BECAUSE of a few ring deaths in recent months, the heat is being put on the boxing game. However, much good will come out of it, for, although some of the officials will go to extremes and some injustice will be done, much of the reforming will be of real benefit to boxing.

In recent weeks, officials of the State Athletic Commission have prevented a number of mismatches being staged, and have picked up the licenses of many washed-up boxers. This action has caused hardship to some of the clubs, and has brought forth wails from some of the handlers of boxers that "the boys are having their bread and butter taken away from them." But it is all for the good of boxing and such managers instead of weeping should be grateful.

If there was any doubt about Enrique Bolanos being Mexico's best lightweight, it was dispelled by the manner in which he conquered Tony Mar at the Los Angeles Olympic. Mar is the recognized champion of Mexico, and Bolanos, although now a resident of Los Angeles, hails from Mexico City. Referee Reg Gilmore stopped the bout in the eighth, awarding Bolanos a T.K.O. victory.

Mar protested and many booed because the round was almost over, but Tony was in bad shape and the go was becoming more one-sided every heat. It was an action fight and Mar, although outboxed, kept it close for six rounds. Mar twice rocked Bolanos with rights just before the bell in the sixth, but this proved more harmful to Tony than Enrique, for, Bolanos came out for the seventh with a vengeance. A hard right to the jaw put Mar down for an eight-count.

Bolanos went all out in his effort to finish his countryman, but Tony weathered the storm and was tossing some of the punches back to his tiring tormentor at the bell. Bolanos waged another two-fisted attack in the eighth and Mar was again floored from a right to the whiskers. The Mexican champ was up at nine, but weak and groggy, and the referee decided that Tony was in no fit condition to continue. Each weighed 135.

Ten thousand fans were present.

In the semi, Fred Wermy, 195, Oklahoma Indian, was awarded a fourth-round T.K.O. over Ralph (K.O.) Hooker, Portland, Ore., Negro, when the bout was halted because of Hooker's left eye being swollen closed. It was a slow affair and they couldn't have missed each other more often even if they had been hitting at two other guys.

Other results: Rocky Haro, 131, whipped Joe Alvano, 130, four; Henry Roberts, 144, stopped Young Coronel, 146, two; Frank Muche, 134, decisioned Dave Mendoza, 132, four; Al Arenas, 130, defeated Roberto Galvan, 126, four.

In getting his third crack at Kenny Watkins in the Ocean Park Arena ring, Milo Savage had hopes of revenge by scoring a kayo, for, he is the socker of the two. However, it was Savage who came close to being belted out, Watkins flooring him for nine with a right to the jaw in the eighth. Savage carried the fight to Watkins, but missed badly, while Kenny continually pumped lefts into Milo's face. Watkins won the ten-rounder handily.

In other bouts James Warrior, 181, was awarded the decision over Babe Edwards, 182, in the four-round semi; Billy Lee, 159, beat Frankie Calzo, 165, in four; Ted Coleman, 154, decisioned Henry Yeargin, 150, in a four; Pat Quinn, 124, K.O.'ed Primo Moreno, 124, in the first round; Harold Jordan, 138, and Johnny Turner, 136, fought a draw.

Jess Flores, the Stockton Slasher, punched out a seventh-round win over Eddie Prince, Detroit Negro, at the Hollywood Stadium. The Michigan champ was credited with only one round, the fourth, in which he staggered Flores with a left and right to the jaw. The clever Mexican handed Prince a lacing in all the other heats. The Detroiter never stopped trying, but he was up against too much class.

Flores displayed his talents to the 'nth degree. His fast footwork enabled him to dart in and out, scoring with an assortment of punches, to keep his foe bewildered and on the defence most of the time. Flores had the Negro gamester hurt in the fifth, and had dropped him just before the bout was halted in the seventh. Upon arising, Prince was bleeding badly from a gashed eye and the contest was declared over. Flores weighed 141, Prince 137.

In the semi, Frankie Lieberman, 136, Long Beach, decisioned Darnell Carter, 138, Texas Negro, in a slow-moving six-rounder. Carter was ahead at the end of the fourth, then tired, as did the spectators.

In the four-rounders, Billy Murphy, 136, K.O.'ed Earl Bergstrom, 133, in the second heat; Art Brown, 159, decisioned Jess Richards, 157; Butch Maxwell, 134, bested Dave Mendoza, 134; Cecil Schoonmaker, 121, nodded Herky Kamensky, 116.

Luck does play a big part in the career of boxers. Some of the boys seem to have been born under lucky stars, while others are repeatedly given the worst of it when the decisions are being handed out. Chick Musgrove is one of the latter group. This writer has seen the San Diego slugger short-changed on three occasions.

Musgrove, 159, bested Ray Dioses, 158, Los Angeles, in a ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum, but received only a draw for his accomplishment. Chick got off to a bad start, losing the first two heats by shades and being decked for nine in the third. And it seems that two of the judges couldn't get that knockdown off their minds. Musgrove won six of the remaining seven rounds and had Dioses bleeding and exhausted at the finish, so, it's a draw.

In the six-round semi, Bulldog Gonzales, 154, a stocky Mexican of Texas, defeated Tommy Lee, 153, a tall Korean of Honolulu.

Other results: Little Giant, 122, and Ossie Biggie, 118, drew, six; Al Cota, 137, nodded Lee Walker, 136, four; Phil Guzman, 118, K.O.'ed Primo Moreno, three.

This writer is in disrepute with some of his contemporaries because of his advocating that we, within the boxing game, do some housecleaning before enemy forces on the outside become familiar with some of the conditions. If we give high officials or reform organizations cause to clean up the boxing game, we may be cleaned up with it.

At any mention of this, some manager or handler of boxers will invariably yell "copper." This is bad. The cry of "copper" is the wail of the criminal. Are we, of the boxing game, men who have no respect for the law? No, we are not of that category. The ills that exist in our game can be remedied by us. These conditions are not criminal, but they are unhealthy and could be painted very badly by those opposed to boxing.

Turkey Thompson was too big for Jimmy Bivins! That is why Bivins beat Thompson so handily. It really is! It is a matter of waistlines. Thompson is tougher and a harder puncher than Bivins, and if Turkey was of the same weight as Jimmy, he would be a good bet to stop the Clevelander. Thompson might kayo any of 'em weighing over two hundred, but he packs too much pork to tag the lighter men.

Bivins' long, sneaky left arm and fleeting feet were too much for Thompson to cope with in this ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. Turkey was able to get in a few solid left hooks in the early rounds, but he missed so many punches that he was slowed down to a walk by the end of the sixth. Bivins hit Thompson at will in the seventh and eighth. Turkey looked like a guy groping in the dark, and this was partly true, Thompson's right eye being completely closed at this stage.

Bivins had Turkey staggering at the end of the eighth. The Clevelander posed and loafed in the ninth, but Thompson was too weary to do anything about it. Bivins dished out some more punishment in the tenth, but Turkey was still moving forward at the final bell. Bivins weighed 185, Thompson 222.

In the semi, Gil Mojica, 168, San Francisco, looked like a million in the first two rounds of the six-rounder with Willie Johnson, 173, Los Angeles. The same Mojica looked like a plugged nickel in the last four heats. The bout developed into a mauling affair and was booed, as was the decision to Mojica.

In the prelims, Luther McClean, 209, and John Curtis, 189, fought to a draw, four; George Kolarik, 151, stopped Rocky Corkins, 148, four; Bobby Why, 127, disposed of Richard Minijares, 125, four; Georgie Mendoza, 125, chilled Pancho Celaya, 126, one; Tommy Lee James, 149, K.O.'ed Art Brown, 156, four.

Ten thousand fans shoved close to $20,000 into the box offices.

When two green heavyweights go ten rounds to a decision, there is seldom anything to get excited about. Who's excited! Ray Stevens, 197, Oakland, pounded out a decision over Fred Wermy, 194, Anadarko, Okla., in such a bout at the Ocean Park Arena. It was the first main event for both.

If the crowd had any boxer on their mind as they filed out of the areña, it was Rodney Jones of Santa Monica, a real comer. Jones, 168, did a nice job on Shorty Morgan, 172, stopping him in the third round of their semi.

In remaining bouts, Billy Murphy, 137, K.O.'ed Butch Maxwell, 133, in the third; Roosevelt Bonner, 129, nodded Trini Perez, 130, in four; Chuck Wilkerson, 121, defeated Herky Kamensky, 118, in a four; Ted Coleman, 154, decisioned Jess Richards, 158.

"Fighting is hard on the eyes." That is a hackneyed expression, but Bobby Jackson will vouch for the truth of it. Bobby is so susceptible to eye cuts that these wounds would prevent his attaining success in the ring, in spite of whatever ability he might possess. In losing to Buddy Jacklich by such an eye injury, Jackson suffered his worst break to date, as he was winning a fight that was important to him.

Jacklich displayed little of the stuff that put him over so well in previous Southland appearances. Jackson jabbed, crossed and upper-cutted the 'Frisco boxer to cop four of the six rounds fought. Bobby buckled Jacklich's knees and opened a cut over his left eye in the fifth. But (Ah, here is the rub), Jackson too, had his left eye cut in this round. After examining both boxers the doctor allowed the bout to continue.

Jackson tore out in the sixth and belted Buddy lustily. And Bobby was still doing well in the seventh when his right eye was slashed open. Seeing Jackson bleeding from both eyes, Referee Abe Roth rushed Bobby off to the hemstitching room and declared Jacklich the winner. Each weighed 131.

In the semi, Rudy Davila, 149, decisioned Jimmy Shans, 144, in a close, hard-fought six-rounder.

In the four-rounders, Cecil Schoonmaker, 121, nodded Chuck Wilkerson, 121; Trini Perez, 128, whipped Roberto Galvan, 131; George Kolarik, 151, iced Ted Coleman, 154, in the third; Benny Black, 145, decisioned Babe Huerta, 144.

In Fresno they said that George Smith of Oakland, but formerly of Fresno, had the "number" of Erskine (Socko) Howell, a fellow townsman. Smith verified this rumor by chalking up a second kayo victory over Howell at Fresno. It was an exciting setto, but the Oaklander was in command throughout. Smith decked Howell for seven in the second and punched fast and hard with both hands to put Socko down early in the fifth, where Howell took the full count on one knee. Each weighed 155.

In the six-round semi, Clarence Marvin, 127, Auberry, punched out the decision over Gilbert Martinez, 126, Stockton. It was a dandy scrap and had the crowd on the edge of their seats throughout.

In other bouts, Lee Knight, 157, Oakland, and Abner Bedingfield, 152, Texas, drew in six; A. D. Grant, 210, Fresno, iced Jack Day, 224, Oakland, in the first round; Jimmy Savala, 124, Madera, K.O.'ed Billy Clark, 129, Fresno, in two.

Numerous boxing commissions throughout the country are incorporating some good rules as further safeguards against ring fatalities. For instance, the ruling that a boxer knocked down must be given an eight-count, is a good one. Also, that a boxer who has been defeated six consecutive times shall have his license revoked. This one could best be worded, "either he, or his manager shall have their license revoked."

Here are the rules adopted in Fresno:

Professional boxers in all weight divisions must wear eight-ounce gloves hereafter in California fights.

Amateur boxers weighing less than 135 pounds will wear eight-ounce gloves. Fighters weighing between 135 and 160 pounds must wear ten-ounce gloves. And, above 160 pounds, they must wear 12-ounce gloves.

Boxers suffering a knockdown must take an eight-count before continuing the fight.

The foregoing rules were laid down by the California State Athletic Commission in a session devoted to ways and means of reducing boxing fatalities and injuries. The rules are effective June 1.

Hitherto, professional boxers weighing less than 147 pounds were allowed to wear five-ounce gloves. Over 147 pounds, they were required to use six-ounce gloves.

Commission Chairman Archie Clossing said: "We deem the changes vital to the boxing game in that they should bring about less injuries—at least facial injuries—in the matter of fighters wearing larger gloves.

"The eight-count knockdown rule is bound to prevent unnecessary injuries."

The commission took no action on proposals for stricter medical examinations for boxers. It is awaiting a report from the California State Medical Association.

Another good rule that should be adopted is, that a boxer knocked out shall not be allowed to engage in another bout for a certain length of time. However, I believe that it should be worded "knocked unconscious" and apply to such cases only, as many of our "knockouts" are anything but that. Also, a minimum of six weeks, as some states have adopted, will many times prove an injustice. From 20 to 30 days should suffice.

And the writer would like to add that he believes it would be a good rule that all boys just out of amateur ranks should not be compelled to box longer than two-minute rounds in their first few professional appearances.

For a couple of minutes in the opening rounds of the Bernard Docusen-Charley Salas go at the Los Angeles Olympic, it appeared Docusen was to make that common mistake of regarding an opponent as a soft touch. The clever Filipino moved leisurely and was careless in his defense. Salah bobbed and weaved under Bernard's fencing left and brought a cheer from the crowd by rocking Duke's head with a hard right in the second heat.

But that was the end of the waltz. It wasn't Bernard, the exhibitionist, who came out for the third, but instead, Docusen the speedy, clever, spirited boxing master. And the bout immediately became a contest, albeit a rather one-sided one. The Mexican continued to bob and weave, but now Docusen wasn't missing. Salas' only chance was to force the milling, but he was kept too busy to get an offensive started.

Salas whipped over a right in the eighth that spun the Filipino around, but it was in this same round that Charley received the most severe massaging of the night. Salas was credited with but one round, the referee and both judges having the Duke ahead by from seven to nine points.

In the semi, Al Sandoval, 136, won by a T.K.O. over Frank Muche, 131, Niles, O., in the fourth,

due to an eye cut. Muche, although crude and amateurish, was ahead at the time the bout was halted. However, neither of these fighters possess the ability of some of the preliminary kids on this card.

In the prelims, Glen Flanagan, 125, St. Paul, was fed a set-up in Ivan Jones, 124, Portland, Me. Referee Holborow halted the mismatch in the opening round; Billy Hererra, 125, proved too rugged for Chuck Wilkerson, 122, in a fast four-rounder. Both are dandy prospects. Bobby Why, 126, won by a T.K.O. (cut eye) over Georgie Mendoza, 126, in the second. Here too, are two very promising youngsters. Harold Jordan, 138, decisioned Johnny Turner, 138, in four.

If John Donnelly, smooth-working Los Angeles Negro, had not run out of gas—but, he did, and Tommy Garland was awarded the nod in their ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Donnelly was out in front until he tired in late rounds, and Garland speeded up to be awarded a split and unpopular decision. Each weighed 189.

In supporting bouts, Art Aragon, 144, punched fast and hard to lay Ray Louis, 147, among the daisies in the first minute of the semi-windup; Jess Richards, 158, and Willie Parker, 164, had their friendly affair declared "no contest" in the second; Trini Perez, 123, and Ossie Biggie, 119, fought to a draw in four; Herky Kamensky, 117, whipped Rocky Figarelli, 117, in four; Ted Coleman, 154, decisioned Henry Yeargin, 151.

In a fight hard to tab correctly because first one, then the other was in command, due to vicious spurts, Alfredo Escobar and Lauro Salas battled ten rounds to a draw at the Hollywood Stadium. Escobar copped the opening heat, but Salas, a perpetual-motion scrapper, moved into an early lead by spilling Alfredo for a one-count in the second and keeping him off balance in the third.

Escobar slowed Salas down with body blows in the fourth and fifth, but Lauro took the offensive in the sixth, and Escobar lost the seventh due to low blows. Salas put on a whirlwind attack to win the eighth. They fought on even terms in the ninth. Escobar's great stamina enabled him to punch out an advantage in the final round.

There was considerable booing of the decision, but the draw must have been about right, as the crowd was about equally divided and all three officials differed in their verdicts. Escobar, 133, outweighed his rival by five pounds, Salas scaling 128.

In the semi, Lou Fillipo, 134, had a soft one on George Palio, 132 (I presume this is George Paliotta, a prelim fighter of New York). If Fillipo hadn't been so wild in his punching he would have stopped the set-up in a round, as Palio became "drunk" every time he was hit. The referee stopped the mismatch in the fifth.

Other results: Johnny Gardea, 159, stopped Bobby Montoya, 163, three; Frankie Russell, 163, K.O.'ed Titus Hawkins, 167, two; Al Hernandez, 158, decisioned Paul Sweet, 162, four; Tommy Vargas, 134, iced Johnny Turner, 137, two.

"The luck of the cut" is not confined to card games. It was the deciding factor in Garfield Coleman's win over Junior Washington in the sixth round of their clash at the San Diego Coliseum. It had been a hard-punching affair, fought on rather close terms. Then, both received cut eyes in the sixth. After examining both boxers, the Commission doctor decided that Coleman's wound would not necessitate the bout being halted, but that Washington's injury was too serious for him to continue, so, he was ruled out and Coleman declared the winner.

In supporting bouts, Rocky Haro, 130, Los Angeles, was awarded an unpopular decision over Chivo Amador, 129, Mexico, in the six-round semi; Cliff Barnett, 148, defeated Tommy Lee, 155, in six; Flash Gordon, 143, nodded Lawrence Brown, 149, in a four; Rocky Corkins, 151, and Ray O'Day, 149, drew.

Eye cuts are deciding the outcome of too many fights these days and so many programs are being ruined because of these injuries that something should be done about it. Since many of these cuts are caused from butting and the use of elbows, all boxers resorting to such tactics should lose by foul and be suspended.

The padding of the gloves should have to be in good condition, and any handler who "breaks" the padding should be suspended or fined.

Also, any boxer who receives an eye cut should not be allowed to engage in another contest until the injury has entirely healed. And such cuts seldom heal properly in less than six weeks' time. It has been a common practise for many of our boxers to repeatedly enter another contest within a week or two after having received such cuts.

The luck of the Irish wasn't with Jerry McSwain, even on this eve of St. Patrick's Day, for, although winning, he was declared the loser in the eighth round of his scrap with Dutch Culbertson at the Los Angeles Olympic. Referee Benny Whitman had tabbed it even, as did one judge, but McSwain was coming strong and Culbertson was tiring. McSwain's loss, of course, was due to an eye cut.

Jerry landed the most damaging blows and hurt the Negro boxer numerous times, but foolishly moved in close where Dutch was able to tie him up. Culbertson buckled the Irishman's knees with rights to the jaw in the fourth, the only round that his blows seemed to hurt McSwain. Jerry had Culbertson wobbly in the seventh and had landed some solid punches in the eighth, just before the go was stopped. Culbertson weighed 184, McSwain 192.

In the semi, Rudy Davila, 153, came off the floor from a nine-count knockdown in the third to win the unanimous decision over Nap Howard, 156. Davila set a fast pace and Howard was dead tired at the end of the sixth.

In the four-rounders, Lem Thomas, 134, Chicago, whipped Roland Cannon, 133, Seattle; Glen Flanagan, 126, St. Paul, beat Sid Hitchens, 128; George Kolarik, 150, Cleveland, defeated Ray Louis, 150; Benny Black, 145, nodded Cliff Barnett, 151.

Promoter Al Dermer, who very often secures big-time boxing for his Fresno clients, presented Jess Flores, Stockton's Sweetheart, and Charley Salas, Phoenix's Pride, in a ten-rounder that gave a capacity crowd just what they came for. And Flores displayed what thoroughbreds are made of by boxing cleverly for eight rounds with one eye closed tightly, his right optic having been swollen shut in the second.

It was a fast, hard-fought contest. Although Salas was credited with only one round, it was anything but one-sided. Four of the heats were tabbed as even and Flores was declared winner by only five points.

In the semi, Clarence Marvin, 128, Auberry, repeated his win over Gilbert Martinez, 126, Stockton, in their second six-round sizzler.

Other results: Abner Bedingfield, 154, Texas, defeated Jimmy Simmons, 154, San Francisco, four; Jake Green and A. D. Grant, Fresno heavyweights, boxed to a draw, four; Terry Wagner, 160, San Francisco, decisioned Billy McGee, 160, Oakland, four.

There is little difference in the ability of a good preliminary fighter and the average main-eventer. This was again proven by Clyde Coyhis, 148, Milwaukee Negro, who was elevated to top billing in a ten-rounder against Billy Tierney of Cleveland, at the Ocean Park Arena. Coyhis stopped the Irishman in the fourth round. Tierney was on his feet when the bout was declared over, but he had been knocked through the ropes a few seconds before and was being badly pummeled when Referee Charley Randolph called it quits.

In the semi, Babe Edwards, 184, stiffened Jack Baxter, 195, in the opening round. A terrific right to the chin put Baxter in the Land of Nod for a full minute.

In three four-rounders, Chuck Wilkerson, 120, bested Ossie Biggie, 121; Benny Black, 148, decisioned Lawrence Brown, 150; Jess Richards, 157, pounded out a win over Paul Sweet, 161.

I wish that a good fighter would come up here from Texas (I am sure there are some down there), so that I could really praise him. I have many friends in the Lone Star State and I dislike having them think that I take pleasure in belittling their fighters. But I cannot conscientiously praise the Texas boxers who have invaded California in recent years.

The most recent Texan to show here was Rodolfo Villa, champion bantamweight of Texas, who is tough and game, but just another fighter. He would be only a preliminary kid if a resident of this state. Luis Castillo racked up a lopsided win over Villa in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. (It would be at Hollywood!) It was a slow fight for little men.

Castillo floored Villa for a four-count in the second, had him on Queer Street in the ninth and staggered him numerous times, but was always slow to follow through. Luis received a cut eye in the very first heat, but it proved of little handicap. Villa, 121, was credited with but one round. Castillo 120.

The semi was a scream. It was a brawl between Jack Warren, 205, Negro skyscraper of Pasadena, and Bill McClure, 195, Minneapolis Negro. Their desperate efforts to commit mayhem, which resulted only in total exhaustion, due to their wild missing and floundering around the ring, had the crowd in stitches. It was declared a draw.

In the three prelims, none of them interesting, Benny Black, 145, decisioned Hugh Stell, 144, in a six; Wade Evans, 143, nodded Paco Acosta, 150, in a four; Rudy Vasquez, 128, bested Pancho Celaya, 127, in four.

Although it was their third meeting, over nine thousand fans filed into the Los Angeles Olympic to see Maxie Docusen and Alfredo Escobar do it over again. And for the third time Little Duke had his glove raised. This time Maxie received the votes of all three arbiters, whereas, his two previous wins were by split decisions. However, in spite of the unanimous decision the verdict was booed by many.

This clash, while a good fight, was not as sensational as the others. Only the eighth round was a replica of the previous thrillers. In this heat they stood toe-to-toe and slugged it out, with Docusen having the better of it with some damaging uppercuts. Maxie's maneuvers caused Escobar to go sprawling through the ropes in the fourth, and a right to the head, catching Alfredo off balance, spilled the Mexican boy for a no-count in the sixth.

Escobar forced the milling and pumped a lot of leather into Maxie's midsection. However, in spite of the body punishment Alfredo dealt out, the New Orleans kid didn't weaken and was able to turn on the most heat in the final round. Docusen weighed 133, Escobar 132.

In the semi, Art Aragon, 141, gave the boys something to talk about by stopping Connie Smith, 144, in the opening round. In a swift, two-fisted attack, Aragon felled Smith for a nine-count. Upon arising, Connie was as unsteady as a baby on a spring mattress, so, the contest was declared over in less than a minute.

In remaining bouts, Billy Murphy, 141, K.O.'ed Lem Thomas, 140, in the fourth heat, after having been floored twice, himself; Luther McClean, 209, disposed of John Curtis, 187, in three; George Kolarik, 151, drew with Lawrence Brown, 152, in four; Butch Maxwell, 133, K.O.'ed Earl Bergstrom, 133, in the third.

The third time was the charm for Gilbert Martinez, 126, clever Stockton Mexican. He had twice dropped decisions to Clarence Marvin, 127, rugged Indian youth of Auberry, but in this third clash, an eight-rounder at Fresno, Martinez emerged the winner. Gilbert decked the Indian for an eight-count in the fourth and spilled him again in the seventh. Marvin came on fast to cop three of the four final rounds, but the two knockdowns decided the issue.

In another eight-rounder, Tote Martinez, 139, Stockton, and Nate Huskey, 138, Oakland, battled to a draw. This was a nip-and-tuck affair in which Martinez won the early rounds with a tricky left hook, with Huskey having the advantage in the late rounds by scoring repeatedly with rights to the head.

In three other bouts, Larry Carter, 160, San Francisco, and Bob Ward, 159, Oakland, boxed a draw in six; Manuel Montes, 141, San Jose, and Henry Anderson, 147, Oakland, also fought to a tie, in four; Jimmy Savala, 123, Madera, decisioned Pancho Celaya, 124, Los Angeles, in a four.

The above card was a program worthy of most any club. Three of the performers have been featured at larger clubs and every fighter booked is known to be a crowd-pleaser. A lot of action was assured and that the boxers were well matched is proven by the fact that three of the five contests ended in draws and there were no knockouts. Yet, this show drew but $1650. This is what some promoters are up against. And they, like this one, Al Dermer, deserve a big hand when they stick with the game.

Milo Savage, 156, Negro clouter of Seattle, disposed of Willie Jenkins, 155, Pittsburgh Negro, in the sixth round at the Ocean Park Arena. A crushing right to the jaw floored Jenkins for nine and he was in a groggy and weakened condition when he arose, so, the ref called it a night.

In the prelims, Billy Lee, 160, and Al Hernandez, 158, fought to a draw in four; Jerry Slavin, 152, stopped Rocky Corkins, 149, in three; Dave Mendoza, 134, decisioned Roosevelt Bonner, 133, in a four; Pat Quinn, 125, and Trini Perez, 127, ended in a dead heat; Art Brown, 156, defeated Tag Mayfield, 159.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By JIM ECHOLS

BEFORE 5181 persons at Uline's Arena, New York's Rocky Graziano returned to the ring wars in a ten round bout with Sonny Horne of Valley Stream, Long Island. In a close fight, Rocky's first in nine months, he showed the effects of idleness, as his timing was off and he looked rusty, nevertheless, he had enough on the ball to cop the duke in gaining a unanimous decision over Horne.

Graziano waded in from the opening gong and his plan of attack was to get in and land his vaunted power punches, but the ever clever Horne repeatedly stuck a left into the on-coming Rock. Sonny showed a healthy respect of Rocky's punching power by circling, jabbing and boxing beautifully and only once did Horne show any inclination to mix it with Graziano, and he stung Rocky with a brace of rights.

Horne's face was a bloody mess at the end of the milling with both his and Graziano's trunks covered with blood.

Graziano weighed 160, Horne 161.

Graziano received one dollar for his performance but charity will get approximately $8500. This money will go to the Metropolitan Police boys clubs and the National Infantile Paralysis Fund.

Gross receipts, $34,739.92; net receipts were $26,302.16.

In addition to Graziano's donation 10% of the entire net receipts also went to charity.

In a six that went on after the main go Roy Miller, 157, Kansas City, decisioned Jimmy Taylor, 157, New York. Three more sixes completed the card.

Joe Gannon, 160½, local middleweight, won with plenty to spare over Sidney Miller, 163, New York City. Bobby Bell, 130, Youngstown, outpointed Young Lee Q. Murray, 131, Baltimore. The opener saw Al LaBarba, 145½, New York City, floor Hal Meredith, 143, Macon, twice to win going away.

CLEVELAND RING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

STEVE BELLOISE of New York is definitely one of the great fighters of the ring today. His T.K.O. victory over Mickey Doyle was a masterpiece. He felled Mickey with a beautiful right cross to start his work of art. His systematic cutting down of Doyle insured Belloise of eventual victory. Doyle was game, fought hard all the way, did very well in close, but just couldn't stand the pace of Steve's frequent rallies. Belloise won out with a terrific rally in the seventh, the referee wisely stopping the bout.

Chuck Hunter looked good in beating Cecil Hudson every round of their ten-rounder. He outboxed the aggressive Hudson and on many occasions outfought him. Chuck settled for a decision victory, but had he tried harder he might have scored a kayo.

Lloyd Gibson of Cincinnati, 166, was awarded a T.K.O. over Charley Hayes of Detroit, 164, when Hayes' handlers considered their boxer's eye too badly cut to continue. Gibson had a slight edge during the six rounds of action.

Kudo Ortiz of Mexico City was saved by the bell in the first round and put up a good fight against Luis Ramos, Puerto Rico, until near the end of the third round. A short left to the jaw kayoed the Mexican. Luis Ramos at 128 had a five-pound weight advantage.

Harold Dettman, 170, making a comeback after several years' absence from the ring, beat John Kimlo, 162, of Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh boy could box well but Dettman was too strong and experienced.

Danny Johnson had very little trouble beating Cab Calloway of Pittsburgh. They weighed 154.

Teddy Fittipaldo, Cleveland's *Plain Dealer* Golden Gloves featherweight champion, won five successive bouts and with it the Senior National A.A.U. title. Last year he won the Junior National A.A.U. title. He beat the highly-touted Red Martinez and equally rated Art Orlando of Denver, Ed Posey and Al Hunter of metropolitan New York and the National Golden Gloves champ, Spider Thompson, of Buffalo.

Eddie Marotta, Jimmy Avon's great little featherweight, was kayoed but it was appendicitis that did it. Avon was forced to cancel six bouts for his boxer.

Jackie Keough cannot get boxers of equal or slightly more experience than himself to fight him. It seems that only the top-notchers want to box him and Jackie needs a few more pro bouts under his belt before tackling the big names. He is managed by his father, John Keough.

George Kolarick, Johnny Papke's good welterweight, is doing very well out on the West Coast. He looks very promising.

Berry Wright, under the capable guidance of Johnny Rogers, is now boxing well in New England.

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ADDITIONAL NEWS "FROM DOWN UNDER"
By VINCENT C. DAVIS

GOOD news for Australian boxing is the return to the game of welterweight Ken Bailey, probably our most promising youngster since the war. Bailey was ordered to take a rest in January by the doctor, Bailey having overdone things a bit in his keenness. A holiday in a coastal fishing town and a general change of scene for two months brought recovery to his health. He is back in training and expects to be ready to fight in May.

At Leichhardt, New South Wales state feather champion, Ted Sprouster, 128, made a return to boxing after an eight months' layoff, stopping Ray Coleman, 124, in ten rounds at Leichhardt. The police stopped the bout when they thought Coleman had enough punishment.

Over 12 rounds in Brisbane, Jack Barclay, 131, outpointed Jackie Ryan, 130½.

In Sydney, Billy De Belin, 146¼, won a close points decision from Clem Sands, while Frank Donnelly, 136½, outpointed Johnny Blane, 134, although Blane nearly knocked him out in the eighth round.

American welter, Benny Evans, 148½, knew too many of boxing's cunning tricks for Australian welter champion, Tommy Burns, 148, and won their 12-round match at Sydney Stadium on a close points decision.

Evans, quickly realizing that Burns was a long puncher and needed long range to be effective, bored in as close as a tick on a dog's back every time Burns tried to get at him.

Burns found the American too evasive, presenting an elusive target, which he could rarely catch up with. Burns loves a man to stand up and punch it out with him. Thus Evans won the second fight between this pair, Burns having won the first encounter on a foul (butting).

In two fights Evans has grossed over $6000 for himself.

Twelve-round matches here resulted as follows: Leichhardt, Sydney: Ern Jarvis, 154, knocked out Kev McCarthy, 156, in the first.

Brisbane: Kev Delaney, 145, decisioned Ken Murphy, 145.

Newcastle: George Sands, 146, decisioned Joe Webster, 145.

Melbourne: Len Dittmar, 158¼, stopped Bill Broome, 160¼, in three; Cliff Jones, 128½, stopped Dave Landers, 129½, in ten rounds.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES
With ARCHIE PIROLLI

WITH the Cambria and the Met closed, the only local boxing shows at present are held semi monthly at the Arena.

Bobby Lee, a slugger from Baltimore, came here to substitute for Dorsey Lay and more than surprised the local fans by his decision over Lee Minelli, Italy's welterweight champion, before a $12,000 house at the Arena. Minelli, who won 106 straight fights before suffering his first defeat at the hands of Lightweight Champion Ike Williams here, started slowly and could not catch up to the busy slugger from Baltimore.

In the semi-final of ten rounds, Santa Bucca, 138½, Philadelphia, gained a unanimous decision over Joey Angelo, 137½, Boston. Lou Joyce, 136, scored a T.K.O. over Palmer Crosley, 140, in the first round. Gus Cosby, 130, defeated Cleve Simmons, 132, in six rounds. Speedy Lawrence, 143, beat Connie Townsell, 146, in six rounds.

Johnny Forte, Philadelphia, 131, lost to Jimmy Collins, 134, in a ten-rounder at the Arena.

Dusty Wilkerson, 185, Philadelphia, banged out an eight-round decision over Buddy Walker, 194, Columbus, O., in the semi-windup. Tommy Ruth, 169, Philadelphia, beat Tom Fambrough, 164, Philadelphia, in six rounds. Trees Wilson, 152, and Ray Brown, 148½, outpointed George Hammond, 149½, and Henry Vonsavage, 149, respectively, in six-rounders.

Roman Alvarez, New York, 144½, defeated Clarence (Honeychile) Johnson, 141½, Philadelphia, in a ten-rounder at the Arena before a house that drew $13,000.

In the semi-final of ten rounds, Harold Johnson, 170¼, defeated Kenny Harris, 169½.

In the three six-round preliminaries, Jerry Mekler, 137½, Newark, outpointed Jimmy Parlin, 129, Philadelphia; Vic Capcino, 136, Philadelphia, won over Jackie Ford, 141, Washington; and Tony Cocco, 122, Philadelphia, drew with Van Hook, 126, Philadelphia.

Nunzio Carto, 132, Philadelphia, beat Matt Parker, 133½, Riverside, N. J., in the eight-round feature at the Cambria. The triumph was the eighth in a row for Carto, a former amateur champion.

Ray Klingmeyer, 137½, Baltimore, outpointed Al Barge, 141, Camden, in the six round semi-windup.

In bouts between local boxers, Bobby Green, 132, outpointed Aaron Tart, 127½, six; Connie Townsend, 147½, won by T.K.O. over Billy Gallagher, 147, in the fourth round, and Emmy Tucci, 136½, outpointed Merrill Mathews, 135, four.

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PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS,
By FRANKLIN T. McQUAIDE, JR.

ARAGON GARDENS—Dave Marsh, 136, clever Akron, Ohio, lightweight, proved too classy for the willing Jesse Underwood, 134, of Huntington, West Virginia, and walked off with the unanimous verdict in the eight round main event at the Aragon. Displaying a wealth of boxing moxie that should carry him far, the Akron Negro opened a bag of tricks that befuddled Underwood considerably.

Ollie Madison, 171, Homestead, Pa., and Johnny Watson, 170, Charleroi, Pa., staged a whale of a fight in the six round semi-final. The officials cast their ballots unanimously in favor of Madison. The boys were evenly matched.

Billy Partin, 153, Akron, Ohio, made short work of Ray Logan, 150, Pittsburgh, in another scheduled sixer. A terrific right dropped Logan for nine in round one and when Partin had him completely at his mercy, Referee Buck McTiernan intervened after 22 seconds of the second round and proclaimed Partin the T.K.O. victor.

Buddy Frazier, 134, Pittsburgh, and Clay Milliron, 138, Akron, Ohio, fought four bruising rounds to a draw. Frazier, despite an injured right eye, suffered in the first round, was a greatly improved fighter.

Willie Guy, 149, New Kensington, Pa., was awarded a split decision over Jackie Botnovich, 150, Monaca, Pa., in the very interesting four round opener.

Aragon—Jackie Armitage, 148, from suburban New Kensington, avenged a recent defeat by Joe Kezele, 146, Youngstown, Ohio, by scoring a sensational knockout in 2.54 of the fifth round. Kezele stopped Jackie in the same ring a few weeks ago by way of a T.K.O. when Armitage bled profusely from a cut over his right eye and the referee halted the bout. But in the rematch, Armitage forced the fight all the way and Jackie boxed beautifully. A right to the jaw floored Kezele for a nine count in round four. Inspired and determined, Armitage battered Kezele all around the ring in the fifth, finally dropping him for the count in a neutral corner to score a clean-cut kayo.

Ollie Madison, 168, Homestead, Pa., proved to be the master over Johnny Watson, 169, Charleroi, Pa., when Ollie scored a knockout in 2.57 of the fifth. Madison won a close verdict over Watson in the same ring a week before.

Johnny Komlo, 161, Frederickstown, Pa., looked good in winning the unanimous verdict over Jimmy Campbell, 157, Steubenville, Ohio, in another six.

Johnny Izzo, 161, New Castle, Pa., had an easy time of it with Jack O'Rourke, 162, Pittsburgh, in a four-rounder. This was O'Rourke's first ring appearance in several months, and the popular former Golden Glover just couldn't get started.

Joe Modzele, 173, New Kensington, Pa., won by T.K.O. over Johnny Ciarolla, 174, Turtle Creek, Pa., in 52 seconds of the third round of the scheduled four round opener. A capacity crowd attended.

The Gardens—George LaRover, 148, Philadelphia welterweight, garnered the split decision over Cosby Linson, 149, of New Orleans, in the top ten of three ten rounders in a Rooney-McGinley Club star-studded show at the Gardens. LaRover forged ahead in the late rounds to win the nod in a contest that was pretty well even-stephen up until the seventh stanza.

The bout that stole the show was the second ten between Irish Jimmy Sanders, 145, formerly of Pittsburgh, now residing in Louisville, Kentucky, and Jack Besselman, 147, of Pittsburgh. These two popular welterweights had the crowd on edge as they slugged away through ten furious rounds to a draw decision.

This was Besselman's first ten rounder and his second draw with Sanders. The two met last summer in an eight at the Zivic Arena.

Mimmie Adragna, 127, Carnegie, Pa., won the split decision over Filberto Osario, 125, New York City, in the opening ten. This bout also was a rematch, Osario having decisioned Mimi in their first meeting a few weeks ago. Adragna seemed to have solved Filberto's style, and piled up point after point on the inside to cop the nod.

As an added attraction on the card, Gus Lesnevich, world's light-heavyweight champion, boxed a four round exhibition, two rounds with Andy Kid DePaul, Pittsburgh welterweight, and two rounds with Shelton Bell, Youngstown, Ohio, light-heavyweight. Lesnevich dropped Bell for a nine count in the first round.

RAMBLING AROUND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
By FRANK PENNINGTON

JOE OROSCO of Sacramento had to finish fast in order to break even with hard-punching J. T. Ross in San Jose's weekly fight card. Ross held a lead going into the last round but a low blow cost him points and earned a draw for Orosco. Both weighed 161. . . . In a six-round semi-windup, Manuel Montes, 139, San Jose, took an easy decision from Boykin Bourgois, 137, Oakland, and Pedro Jiminez, stopped Billy McGee in the third round of a scheduled four.

At Stockton, Little Joe, 119, recent import from Manila, won over Ozzie Biggs, 118, Los Angeles, in the second round when he was accidentally butted by Biggs and suffered a cut eye. The Filipino had won the first round. Clarence Marvin decisioned Baby Santiago in a six-round lightweight brawl.

Dee Edwards, San Francisco heavyweight, showed a great deal of improvement in gaining the decision over George Millich, Sacramento pride, in a Babe Griffin promotion at San Jose's Civic Auditorium. The fight was close but a snakey left earned Edwards the edge. Much interest was on the four-round exhibition between Tony Ross, Detroit amputee, and Bob Dunlop, Oakland, California, pro. Manuel Montes, San Jose lightweight, added another win at the expense of Louie Jordan of Oakland in a four-round semi-windup.

Before a packed house at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium, Bernard Docusen, welterweight contender from New Orleans, decisioned Louie (Ding Dong) Bell, San Francisco's fighting motorman, in the 10-round main event. Art Soda, 148, Oakland, won over Cowboy Richie Duane, 146, Denver, in a good six-round semi-windup.

J. T. Ross, lanky San Jose middleweight, scored his nineteenth knockout in 27 pro fights when the referee stopped his bout with Frankie Russell, Los Angeles, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10 round bout and declared Ross the winner by a T.K.O. Babe Edwards, 181 pound Los Angeles boy, stopped Jim Lee, 201, Kansas City, in the sixth round of the semi.

RINGSIDE CHATTER—Billy Roche, the man who brought Mysterious Billy Smith west in 1891, still attends the weekly fights in San Francisco. Billy just celebrated his eighty-first birthday and spends much of his time in his garden at his home, 2542—44th Ave., San Francisco. . . . Frankie Neil, former bantamweight champion, is back in the fight game as a manager.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

CALVIN LEIGH, the little boy with the big punch, added another victim to his record by knocking out Tommy Vargas of Juarez, Mexico, in the 5th. Vargas weighed 122 and Leigh 118 pounds.

Another Rochester fighter that is well liked in Syracuse and winning often is Harry (Snuffy) Smith. In his last fight in Syracuse Snuffy defeated Manny Torries of Mexico City in six rounds. Snuffy won every round.

Johnny DeNero and Irish Johnny Flynn are training daily at the Elks Club gym. Joe LoVerde is putting in plenty of time in teaching Flynn a few new tricks and he thinks that Flynn can give any of the heavyweights around a hard tussle.

In one of the poorest fights seen here in years, Vern Mitchell, 195, of Detroit and Art Henry, 185, New York City, tangled gloves. Mitchell hit Henry a light tap and down goes Henry. In the other co-feature of 8 rounds, Mickey Savage, 143, Detroit, walked out and threw one punch at Leonard Ceasar, 136, of Jersey City, ending the contest.

In the other bouts Dominic Berardo, 173½, Windsor, Ontario, K.O.'ed James Walls, 171, of Englewood, N. J., in 4. Dickie Mullen, 125 pounds, of Rochester, outpointed Frankie Alvarez, 120, of Schenectady, N. Y., in 6. Johnny Kaufman, 148, of Rochester, K.O.'ed Al Dolce, 140, of Passaic, N. J., in two. Fern LaChapell, 137, of Niagara Falls, knocked out Jimmy McNair, 137, of New York, in two. The house grossed $3,897.55.

At Buffalo, N. Y., Jerry Fleming, 155, of Rochester, had an easy time in defeating Artie Greaves, 154, of Buffalo. Fleming had too much experience for Artie, who put up a game fight to the end.

At the Sports Arena. Al Baldesino, 136, of Niagara Falls, T.K.O.'ed Patsy Brandino, 140½, of Hamilton, Ontario, in one round. Vern Mitchell, 195, of Detroit, outpointed Johnny White, 215, of Jersey City, in 8. Vic Eisen, 122, Buffalo, knocked out Dick Mullens, 125, of Washington, D.C., in 3. Dominic Berardo, 173 pounds, Windsor, Ontario, outpointed Sammy Musa, 167, of Buffalo, in 6 rounds. Johnny Kaufman, 148½ pounds, Rochester, won by T.K.O. over Jim Toner of Detroit in 3 rounds, and Al Starling, 133, Detroit, defeated Jimmy Vaughn, Toronto, in 4. The paid attendance was announced at 2,507 for a gross gate of $5,069.

At Binghamton, N. Y., Tommy Stenhouse cops his 30th straight win by defeating Paulie Jackson of Reading, Pa., in 10 rounds. Elis Hall, 160, of Buffalo, lost to Joe Taylor, 158, of Binghamton, in 8. Bruce Foote, 147, of Endicott, N. Y., outpointed Ernest Drummer, 151, of Binghamton, in 4. Butch Kattanick, 165, of Oneonta, T.K.O.'ed Dick Porter, 165, Baltimore, in one round. In the opening four Johnny Sudar, 169, of Endicott, outpointed Jimmy Martin, 173, of Baltimore. A total of $280 was collected from the fans for the family of the late Sam Baroudi. A crowd of 1,611 fans saw the fights.

Heavyweight Johnny Flynn, who's been something of a stepchild in the fistic world up to date, totters on the brink of better things after winning his way back into the hearts of his Rochester followers by knocking out Joe Muscato of Buffalo in the sixth round of their 10 round fight at the Arena before a sellout house of 4400 fans. Flynn weighed in at 206½ and Muscato at 194.

In the other fights Bobby Dare, 176; Buffalo, defeated Tony DeMicco, 175, of Schenectady, in six rounds; Johnny Kaufman, 147, of Rochester, knocked out Jimmy Nickens, 141, of New York, in 4 rounds; Davey Mitchel, 130, of Toronto, outpointed Frankie BiFulco, 130, of Buffalo, in 6; Fern LaChapell, 138, Niagara Falls, outpointed Johnny English, 138, New York, in 4. Joe Capacette, 188, of Niagara Falls, T.K.O.'ed George Pappa, 188, of Buffalo, in 4. The house grossed $11,069.76.

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BOXING along the Windy City fistic front was curtailed for a period of three weeks by the State of Illinois Athletic Commission, as a direct result of fighter Sam Baroudi's untimely death.

Jersey Joe Walcott, heavyweight, engaged in a four-round exhibition here, at the Chicago Coliseum, under promoter Frankie Harmon's banner—the entire show was a loser, financially and otherwise.

Only 1,589 spectators contributed to a total of $2,792. Jersey Joe received $4,000 guarantee and his exhibitionist, Austin Johnson, $750. In addition both received transportation and hotel accommodations, which really ran the promoter deeply in the red.

In the underneath card Tommy Merrill, pleasing Camden, New Jersey, light-heavyweight, showed oodles of class in outscoring the rugged infighting George (Wildcat) Henry, of Puerto Rico—six rounds.

In the eight-round semi-windup, Frankie Ray, South Chicago welterweight, scored a one-round knockout over Cliff Dyes, of Camden, New Jersey. —Ray spilled Dyes with a neatly executed left hook.

In another six-round tiff, Ralph Jones, recently defeated by Collegiate Lou King of Chicago Tech, won over DeWitt Dean, Detroit middleweight, in a fair bout.

Will Covington, South Side left-hook specialist, after taking the worst of the milling with Jimmy Wester, nailed Wester with a "sucker punch," for the count in the fourth round. They are light-heavyweights.

In the opening four-rounder, Herbert Hooks, a recent graduate from the amateur circle, won handily over Bob Lindholm, Milwaukee middleweight.

Sammy Frager, glove manufacturer specialist, here in the Middlewest, has designed a new and improved glove, to meet the specifications of the boxing commission.

Emil Nanny, manager of Italian boxing importations, besides having Enrico Bertola, heavyweight, has brought over a welterweight, Lugi Valenti. —Nanny has designated Bob Capocy as trainer of these two experienced battlers.

Rumors have it that Harry Eagles will be promoting semi-monthly boxing shows in the huge auditorium, in Kansas City, Mo.

Marigold Gardens Arena—In the only club able to operate twice during the month before the ban went into effect, promoters Irv Schoenwald and Jack Begun presented two shows. In the first, Jimmy Sherrer, Milwaukeean, who has been winning consistently of late, cracked Ted Bussey, brother of Talmadge, of Detroit, Michigan, with a wicked right hand to the chops, for a sensational one-round knockout.

In the six-round semi-windup, Al Johnson, who has met a few of the top-flight light-heavies, flattened via the T.K.O. route, Bobby Dawn, of the "Motor City," in three heats.

In still another six-rounder, Bobby Simmons, Indianapolis, Indiana, middleweight, after a year's absence from the squared circle, outpointed "Tiger" Jack Biddle.

Bobby Sherrer, Milwaukee lightweight, and brother of Jimmy, scored a technical knockout victory over Grady Caple, of Kansas City, Mo., in the first round.

Dave Green, South Side 150-pounder, planted one on Solly Sanchez's whiskers in the second round—Solly hails from Detroit.

Bobby Beamon, a Hoosierite lightweight, out of Indianapolis, Indiana, outscored Stafford Williams, from Chicago, in a pleasing four-round fracas.

Marigold Gardens Arena—Talmadge Bussey, hard-punching Detroit, 140-pounder, shocked supporters of promising Al Jordan, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, scoring a one-round knockout.—A terrific right hand clout did the trick.

In the six-round semi-windup feature, Pete McNamara, red-headed Cleveland, Ohio, 155-pounder, dropped Dave Green, of the South Side, for the 10-toll in the first.

Joe Dawson, lanky heavyweight of Chicago's South Side, put Orlan Ott on the canvas three times in the opening stanzas—the third time the Indiana Harbor, Indiana, boy was down for keeps.

Stan Hartman, aggressive Van Wert, Ohio, featherweight, managed by Yours Truly, scored another victory, this time at the expense of Chuck McGow, capable Indianapolis Southpaw—Hartman took his measure with a barrage of right-hand punches.

Clinton Bacon, Chicago light-heavyweight, added Jimmie Burke, Milwaukee, to his knockout victims. The kayo was scored in two rounds. Bacon has now 14 kayoes in 18 starts.

Howard Eldridge, Indianapolis 145-pounder, defeated Joe Krill, Cleveland, in a spirited contest of four rounds.

Billy Smith, formerly of Oakland, California, scored a technical knockout victory over Bob Foxworth, in the third round in Cincinnati, Ohio. Each fighter weighed 175¼ pounds.

Promoter Dick Mastro staged a special show that was sponsored by The People's Gas, Light & Coke Company. Four outstanding four-round professional boxing matches were offered for the entertainment of their employees.

In the main four-round event, Stan Hartman, Van Wert, Ohio, featherweight glover, stole the show with his determined effort against a much heavier foe in Tiger Weems, who weighed 135 pounds to Hartman's 128 pounds. Stan took three of the four rounds.

Lou King, heavy-fisted middleweight, won as he pleased against Rudy Davis, 6 ft., 163-pounder.

Frankie Klobucar, 170-pound protege of ex-bantam champion Johnny Coulon, won on a technical knockout over Fred Koger in the second round.

In the opening four-round battle Clinton Bacon, light-heavyweight, punched too hard for Johnny Crane, who was down for an 8 count in the third round. Bacon won unanimously.

Incidentally, this was the inaugural show following the lifting of the boxing ban, here in Illinois. Over 3000 fans were in attendance for this show.

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KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By MAX YEARGAIN

LEWIS WILLIAMS, Kansas City Negro lightweight, handed Keith Nuttall his first setback by gaining the unanimous decision over the Brigham City, Utah, boxer, before 2000 fans in Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kas. Nuttall, a protege of former champion, Henry Armstrong, found Williams an elusive target for his flashing left. In the seventh the Kansas Citian connected with a right, sending Nuttall to the canvas. The referee ruled, however, that Nuttall hadn't been knocked down.

Williams took over again in the final round by opening up with two smashing lefts. Nuttall went after him, but had little success in cornering Lewis to do any damage. Williams in the meantime snapped Nuttall's head back three times with hard lefts.

Other results: Charley Martin, 200, Kansas City, kayoed Happy Shade, 238, Des Moines, Ia., 2:38 of the third round. Bob Reno, 146, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., outpointed Pete Tullock, 146, Des Moines, Ia., in four rounds. Danny O'Brien, 190, Boise, Idaho, kayoed George McGuire, 180, Des Moines, Ia., in 1:21 of round three. Elmer Carson, 159, Emporia, Kas., kayoed Nick Basil, 160, Detroit, in 42 seconds of round two. Mickey Hogan, 132, Coffeyville, Kas., kayoed Joe Kelly, 135, Little Rock, Ark., in 2:00 of round three.

Pat McCafferty, Topeka's sensational Irish light-heavyweight, added another victory to his rapidly growing list at Wichita on March 17, kayoing Irish Bobby Berry of Cleveland in 1:23 of the first round, before the largest turnout of the Air Capital's boxing season.

Berry, holding a recent kayo win over Jackie Burke of Minneapolis, whistled only a couple of vicious left hooks to McCafferty's mid-section before the Kansan cornered him in the northwest corner of the ring and it was all over.

Second victim of a quick knockout was little Jack Massey of Colorado Springs, who went down before Marvin Smith, Wichita, in just 42 seconds of the first stanza. The bout was scarcely underway when Smith hooked both hands to the body savagely. Massey bent over in pain, was unable to straighten up, then slowly crumpled to the floor and was counted out.

The Ken Barton-Wayne Strobridge semi-final stole the show with Barton, the Arkansas City redhead, gaining revenge for a defeat in Topeka, outpointing the classy Colorado Springs 18-year-old.

In the preliminaries Harold 'Chief" Jackson of Bartlesville, Okla., outpointed Jimmy Sullivan of Denver, Colo., in four fast and furious rounds. Freddie Thompson, Wichita light-heavyweight, made his pro debut and showed crushing punching power in taking a T.K.O. over Bennie Langdon of Columbus, Ohio, in 1:54 of the second.

Irish Pat McCafferty, making his first hometown ring appearance in nearly six weeks, slugged out a clear-cut ten-round decision over Al Johnson, Indiana light-heavyweight champion, at Municipal Auditorium, Topeka, March 24, before 4000 fans. In superb condition and never in trouble the young Topekan was calm all the way, confidently meeting Johnson's boring-in tactics and fighting what most ringsiders conceded was the "smartest fight of his career." Jimmy Watson, Omaha middleweight, decisioned "Little Joe" Louis of Washington, D. C., convincingly in the six-round semi-windup on the strength of devastating first and sixth-round flurries.

Russ Moore, the Kansas City featherweight, gained a split decision over Marvin Smith, Wichita, in a nip-and-tuck four-rounder, highlight of the preliminaries. Harold "Chief" Jackson, Bartlesville, Okla., Indian featherweight, outpointed Paul Martinez, Omaha Mexican, in a four-rounder. In the welterweight four-round opener, Bill Sudduth, former Topeka Golden Gloves champion, making his second start as a pro, knocked out Tony Martinez, Denver, in 1:58 of the second.

In the most sensational Forum (Wichita) main event in several years, Kenny "Red" Barton, Arkansas City, Kansas pride, hammered out a close but unanimous decision over Omaha's Jimmy Watson on March 31, topping a highly entertaining program.

It was Watson who first brought the fans to their feet. A flurry of blows climaxed by a stiff right cross flush to the jaw, left Barton wobbly-kneed and glassy-eyed. Watson had only to push him with his left hand, and Barton went down to take a five-count.

In the six-round semi-final Corky Gonzales, undefeated Denver featherweight, scored a unanimous decision over tough, clever little Russ Moore of Kansas City. Marvin Smith won a T.K.O. over Alvin DeJaynes of Seattle. Freddie Thompson, Wichita, pounded out a win over Ray Williams of Blackwell, Okla., in a light-heavyweight scrap. Bill Sudduth, Topeka welterweight, decisioned Baby Lou Alcanter of Kansas City in four. Jackie Wilson, Topeka, decisioned Fred Bradley, Cincinnati, in four.

Jackie Darthard, Kansas City's fourth-ranking middleweight contender, won a ten-round decision over Dave Clark of Cincinnati, April 2, in Kansas City Municipal Auditorium.

Darthard led the fight all the way, although Clark caught up with the young Negro fighter occasionally to swap blows toe-to-toe.

Light-Heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich staged a four-round exhibition with Larry Watson of Omaha.

In the semi-final bout Floyd Perry, 140½, of Kansas City, won a T.K.O. over Corky Davis, 138½, Worcester, Mass., when Davis failed to come out for the fourth round due to badly cut eyes.

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IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

DES MOINES, IA.—Nearly 3,200 boxing fans watched Gus Lesnevich, 180, world light-heavyweight champion, go four fast rounds with Larry Watson, 180-pound Omaha Negro, in an exhibition bout staged here. Lesnevich wore protective headgear and boxed with 14-ounce gloves.

Sioux City, Ia.—16 amateur mittmen showed their wares at the annual boxing card staged at Trinity. The 16 mittmen who won decisions were R. Mingo over B. Mansfield; G. Miller over W. Linden; J. McColligan over T. Stroup; R. Thebert over J. Hurley; J. Burke over L. Obermeyer; E. Murphy over B. Stevens; W. Bertrand over W. Kabeiseman; L. Ullrich over D. Beacon; P. Neri over J. Goergen; E. Mahan over F. O'Meara; F. Audino over J. Duggan; J. Murray over B. O'Gara; E. Rowe over P. Manning; R. Bales over G. Sandage; J. Frink over B. Reilly; J. Kabeiseman over R. Beacom.

Wayne, Nebr.—One knockout and three of the technical variety featured a victory by the Wayne State Teachers College boxing team over Creighton University mittmen. Wayne dropped only one bout in the eight-bout card.

The knockout was scored by Orville Hassler, who dropped Creighton's Wayne Ebberhart in 1.60 of the third round in a 155-pound mix.

Omaha, Nebraska — Promoter Max Clayton staged one of the best cards of the season here with each of the six bouts action-packed from bell to bell. However the Omaha fight fans who made their appearance two weeks before and found themselves sitting through a card littered with substitutes, were content to stay at home this time. It was the poorest gate for quite a spell with just 1,232 fistic fans paying $2,492.50.

Don Lee, 158, Edison, Nebr., chalked up his tenth victory in a row by scoring a technical knockout at 1:21 of the fourth heat over Ray Spurlock, 163, Kankas City, Missouri. Spurlock was making a real fight of it in the fourth with both boxers mixing it when Lee planted a left hook on the cut above the right optic of the Kansan and the crimson flowed freely. Referee Alex Fidler beckoned Dr. McMahon into the roped arena and he advised a halt. Thus Lee was the winner by a technical knockout.

The semi-windup was the hit of the show with Corky Gonzales, 123½, Denver, scoring his thirteenth win and keeping his record clean as a pro by decisioning Pat Murphy, 130½, Racine, Wisconsin. Gonzales has reached the stage where boys of his own weight don't like to mix with him and he is forced to spot his opponents several pounds.

Ernie DeFrance, 132, Wichita, scored a technical knockout over Vic Creelman, 133, Minneapolis, in the fifth round. Both fighters were willing mixers.

Harold McDonald, 127½, Omaha, made his professional debut by knocking out Howie Walling, 130, Omaha, in 58 seconds of the second round.

McDonald was the 1947 Midwest Golden Gloves featherweight champ and holds the distinction of being the youngest Midwest Golden Gloves title holder. He won those laurels just a few weeks after reaching his 16th birthday . . . Tony Nittro, 158, Omaha, decisioned Buzz Lanning, 163, Ottumwa, Iowa, in four rounds. It was a free swinging toe-to-toe slugfest . . . Charlie Green, 158½, Omaha took a four-round nod over Jack Baird, 160, Des Moines. Baird made a whirlwind start but then Green took over and beat Baird's face to a bloody mess en route to the decision.

Jerry Houseman reports: Des Moines—Gene Spencer, 132, Chicago, and Del Cockayne, 137, Des Moines, battled to a furious 10-round draw before a crowd of about 3,200. Referee Jack Sharkey, ex-heavyweight champion, scored two rounds even, four for Cockayne and four for Spencer. The writer thought Spencer had a close edge, but the draw verdict was fair. The only knockdown was in the first round when Del was dumped for a no-count.

The six-round semi-final was also a draw, and was a terrific brawl that was filled with action. Jack Parks of Des Moines, Iowa, middleweight champion, deadlocked with Jimmy Cone of Kokomo, Ind. Both were cut and bleeding in the bout. A re-match is inevitable.

Omaha, Nebraska—For nine full rounds, Phil Palmer, 143, Vancouver, B. C., made Vince Foster, 147½, Omaha, look like a housewife swatting flies, then in 2 minutes of the tenth round, Vince tagged the Canadian to score his 16th knockout in his 24 professional fights to date and chalk up his 22nd win in the pro ranks. The rugged Canadian was down twice before the kayo. The second time the Vancouver ringster got to his wobbly pins only to field another hard right thrown by Foster which crumpled him in the neutral corner. Referee, Alex Fidler tolled off the ten count with Palmer getting to his feet about a second too late. The gross gate was $4,061.25.

Jimmy Cone, 159, Kokomo, Indiana, scored a T.K.O. over Wayne Strowbridge, 154, Colorado Springs, Colorado, in the fourth round. The game Colorado fighter wanted to continue but his handlers held him on the stool at the start of round four. He suffered a nasty gash on his nose. . . . The fans were well pleased with the six-round special event in which Pat Murphy, 130½, Racine, Wisconsin and Ernie DeFrance, 133, Wichita, fought to a draw.

In the preliminaries: Tony Nittro, 144½, Omaha, won a four-round decision over Claude Sullard, 142½, Wichita. . . . Charley Green, 159, Omaha, was awarded a four-round decision over Joe Griffin, 153, Philadelphia. (The fans booed these two decisions long and loud, they just couldn't see eye to eye with referee Paul Hartnek. A draw in each bout would have served the situation in better fashion.) . . . In the opener, Harold McDonald, 129, Omaha, floored Chief Jackson, 127, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, for an eight count in the second round and looked the sharper throughout, but referee Paul Hartnek gave the nod to Jackson and the crowd were loud in their disapproval.

Madison, South Dakota—Sioux Falls' Jerry Heyers came up with a clean first round knockout here to delight a crowd of 1,500 and highlight an eight-bout leather flinging amateur card sponsored by the Madison Athletic Club.

Heyers, fighting at 147 pounds, uncorked a terrific right hand smash to cool Merle Giles of Madison in 1:30 of the opening round. It was the only kayo of the evening.

Jerry Houseman reports: Des Moines, Iowa—Merton Graves, 132, Des Moines, decisioned Charley Baxter, 134, Cincinnati, in the eight-round main event of a fight card here presented by Promoter Riley Ellis. It was a terrific bout, and in the opinion of the writer, Baxter should have won. Baxter was always on the offensive. It was very close.

The semi-final was a very action-packed affair, which provided lots of thrills. Bobby Carew, 132, Des Moines, outpointed Carmen Iacobucci, 127, Cincinnati, in six rounds.

In other bouts: Roland Taylor, 162, Des Moines, and Alex Arella, 160, Cincinnati, drew in six. Adolphus Edwards, 144, Des Moines, knocked out Jim Brendix, 142, Kansas City, in the first canto. Frank Jones, 192, Des Moines, scored a four-round T.K.O. over Dave Ashley, 210, Cincinnati.

Promoter Ellis presented his fine card to a disappointing crowd of less than 1,000. He said that he planned to present no more indoor shows, but said he might promote out of doors.

Mitchell, South Dakota—A trio of T.K.O.'s, including two within the opening minute of the first round, highlighted a lively amateur, 11-bout card here, sponsored by the United Commercial Travelers Boxing Club. Gladiators from Mitchell scored wins in five of the 11 events, followed by Plankinton with three, Chamberlain two and Yankton one.

Lincoln, Nebraska—Don Lee, 158, Edison, Nebraska, scored a ninth-round technical knockout over Eddie Miller, 159, Cincinnati, Ohio, in the main event of a mixed boxing and wrestling show here. The rugged Nebraska middleweight was never in doubt that he could take the Ohioan into camp. Most of the fans thought Lee would kayo Miller in the seventh when the Ohio boy was on queer street but Lee failed to put over the kayo wallop. In the ninth canto Lee cut Miller above both eyes and Referee Bob Morley stepped in and called it a halt.

Jimmy Watson, 157, Omaha, decisioned Charley Green, 159, Omaha, in a six-rounder with Watson leading the attack all the way.

In the wrestling part of the program Frank Taylor flattened Omaha's Danny Pleches twice and Earl Wampler disposed of Danny Fenelon by taking the first and third falls.

Vermilion, South Dakota—Champions were crowned in six weight divisions here climaxing a two-day intramural boxing tournament conducted by the University of South Dakota athletic department.

Twenty-two fighters competed in the meet.

Des Moines, Iowa—Two defending Iowa A.A.U. boxing champions fought their way into the semi-finals in Thursday night's opening matches.

Tommy Gavin, Cascade, decisioned Ronnie Schoebelen, Dubuque, in a 126-pound bout, but the Dubuque lad staggered Gavin in the last round.

In the 135-pound division, John Cerky, Des Moines, knocked out Clarence Caylor of Knoxville in the first round.

Des Moines, Iowa—Results of a recent professional boxing card staged here under Promoter Riley Ellis was as follows:

Joe Danos, 154, (Denver) knocked out Willie Edwards, 153, (Jackson, Miss.). Time, 2:07 of the first round.

Morton Graves, 132, (Des Moines) decisioned Ted Armando, 130, (Chicago, Ill.), 6 rounds.

Henry Henderson, 152, (Tulsa, Okla.) knocked out Manuel Segobia, 153¾, (Omaha, Neb.) five rounds.

Frank Jones, 190, (Des Moines) knocked out George McGuire, 180, (Des Moines), two rounds.

Pete Tullock, 146, (Des Moines), won on a technical knockout over Jim Robnett, 149, (Knoxville, Ia.), two rounds.

Jerry Houseman reports: Des Moines, Iowa—Willie Edwards, 158, Jackson, Miss., proved no match for Joe Danos, 154, Denver, as he was kayoed in two minutes and seven seconds of the first round Danos went to work and finished his foe quickly.

In a six-rounder, Merton Graves, 132, Des Moines, made a successful comeback when he outpointed Ted Armando, 130, Chicago, while in another sixer, Henry Henderson, 152, Tulsa, Okla., knocked out Emanuel Sagabia, 153¾, Omaha, in the fifth stanza.

Frank Jones, 190, Des Moines, kayoed George McGuire, 180, Des Moines, in two heats, and Pete Tullock, 146, Des Moines, T.K.O.'ed Jim Robnett, 149, Knoxville, Iowa, in two cantos.

Last Minute Sparks. . . . Remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Iowa, and our Phone is 8-6849. . . . this for your file in the event you wish to contact this department. . . . The Wayne American Legion post is making plans for a celebration for July 3 and 4. . . . Will Kay O'Konnors please get in touch with the writer. . . . E. M. Frederickson is in charge of the Madison South Dakota Athletic Club. . . . John O'Donnell, Davenport, Ia., was one of the referees at the University of Wisconsin boxing tourney. . . . Pinkie George popular Iowa boxing promoter plans some big out door cards this season.

Managers and boxers wishing to show their wares around Chicago can get in touch with Joe Livato, 1133 East 55th Street, Chicago 15, Illinois. . . . Frank L. Pennington, of San Francisco, California, will publish a "WHO'S WHO in Boxing" that should be of interest to all connected with the sport. . . . Joe Lee, the man who launched Vince Foster on his professional ring career in Omaha was found dead in an Omaha, Neb., hotel. . . . Lee did a great deal for boxing in Omaha, he had a gym where all amateur boxers trained free.

Paul Hernandez, Omaha manager of boxers has a memory like an elephant. It was back in 1930, on September 19th to be exact that Hernandez, then a newsboy, watched Eddie Elkins, a ring cutie, weave, bob, slap, punch and side step around the ring here in Omaha to take a ten-round decision from Tommy Grogan. Even at that age Hernandez studied the styles of various boxers and never forgot what kind of a style each certain pug had.

Recently, Phil Palmer came to Omaha and fought Vince Foster in the same manner that Elkins had mastered Grogan. However Foster managed to kayo Palmer in the final heat of their bout. After the fight was over Hernandez went to the dressing room of Palmer and struck up a conversation. During the course of their friendly exchange of words Hernandez made the remark that, "You have a style like Eddie Elkins who used to fight out of New York." Their dukes met in a friendly handclasp for Palmer had met a friend. It was the style of Elkins that inspired Palmer to take up glove tossing. They had lived in the same neighborhood and Elkins had taught Palmer the art of self defense.

Terry M. Stanton, 41, professional boxer in former years met his death in Bettendorf, Iowa. The steel worker fell from a building under construction. He fought under the name of Young Terry and was a native of Clarinda, Iowa.

EIRE NEWS

By FINBAR BARRY

THE Cork featherweight, Morty Kelleher, unbeaten as a professional, outpointed Billy Burnell of Weston-super-Mare over eight thrill-packed rounds. Kelleher was dropped for eight in the second heat, but he got up and fought back magnificently to take a clear decision. Morty used the ring to splendid advantage against a rushing opponent.

I have been asked to state that Charley Henry, usually billed as out of Croydon, England, is actually from Ballina, County Mayo, Eire. This crowd-pleasing heavyweight is managed by Ted "Kid" Lewis and has sparred with both Gus Lesnevich and Joe Baksi.

Bert Hyland, Dublin middleweight, was disqualified in the seventh round against Joe Sands of Hull. Heavyweight Garry McDermott lost to Al Robinson, Leeds, when the referee decided to stop the contest in the fifth.

The Eire bantamweight champ, Joe "Boy" Collins, knocked out Tommy Boyle in the second. Joe Quinn, Buncrana, dumped Tommy Foran, Dublin, in three. Nick Weldridge, middleweight from Dublin, proved no match for hard-hitting Jim Doran, Belfast, the referee calling a halt in the opening stanza.

In a middleweight scrap, Patsy Quinn, Belfast, defeated Jerry Leahy, Cork, the towel being thrown in during the second round to save the game Corkman further punishment. In the 135-pound class, Peter Robinson won over Con Morrissey in round three.

Paddy Dowdall, Eire lightweight king, decisioned G. Frost of Dorcaster over eight rounds.

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COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By RAY COFFIN

PHIL BUCCOLA, mentor of New England middleweight king Ralph Zannelli, has one of the outstanding stables in New England, including such ringsters as Ernie Forte, Johnny Potenti, Joey Angelo, Duilio Spagnola and Ernie Giusti . . . . Kelly and Hayes' Gym and the New Garden Gym, Boston's outstanding ones, bristled with activity last month . . . . Many of the smaller clubs in New England expected to open in the summer . . . . Many small clubs operating in Maine and New Hampshire . . . . Florida was host to many New England boxers during the winter months . . . . In fact, many compiled impressive records.

Salem, Mass.—In one of the surprises of the year, George Hill, 154, Philadelphia, now residing in Everett, Mass., decisioned Bolo Joe Blackwood, 159, Paterson, N. J., in ten rounds at the North Street Arena. Hill finished in a burst of speed to take the verdict. The semi-final six had Frankie Broderick, 161, Roslindale, Mass., winning over veteran Al Pinel, 160, New Bedford, Mass. Another six was won by Tiger Flowers, 150, Worcester, Mass., over Ike Stevenson, 152, Framingham, Mass., in a fast bout.

Bangor, Me.—Promising Jimmy Sullivan, 128, East Boston, outpointed Uppercut Roy, 130, Old Town, Me., in the feature eight-rounder at the City Hall. Tommy Murray, 140, Montreal, gained the nod over Billy Napper, 144, Boston, in six.

Worcester, Mass.—Flooring his opponent four times, Dick Callahan, 158, Boston, annexed a decisive eight-round decision over game Lenny Trader, 153, New Haven, Conn., in the feature of a triple windup at the Auditorium. Lonnie Clark, 218, Philadelphia, snapped the winning streak of James Patrick Connolly, 209, Cambridge, Mass., in another eight and Tony Ducharme, 134, Montreal, triumphed over Mal Evans, 128, Providence, R. I., in eight.

Fall River, Mass.—Coming back to the wars after a long lapse, Jackie Lovatt, 147, Providence, R. I., scored heavily in the last three rounds to take the decision over Jerry Coursol, 146, Valley Stream, L. I., in the ten-round windup at the Casino. The defeat ended a Border City win spree of Coursol. Pete Louthis, 186, Cumberland, R. I., veteran heavyweight, boxed a torrid draw with Willie James, 188, Boston, in six rounds. Willie Stevenson, 137, Providence, R. I., stopped Jimmy McLarnin, 137, New Bedford, Mass., in three and Andy Bishop, 127, Fall River, outpointed Nel Girard, 126, New Bedford, Mass., in the opening six.

Worcester, Mass.—Holding an advantage all the way, Johnny Priest, 137, Cambridge, Mass., halted Florient Desmarais, 135, Manchester, N. H., in the ninth round of the feature at Mechanics Hall. Mickey Maguire, 128, Boston, kayoed Johnny O'Keefe, 126, Lowell, Mass., in two and Rolly Johns, 143, Albany, N. Y., put the finisher on Mike Duffy, 141, Boston, in five.

Boston—Fighting a retreating battle from the first round and only occasionally connecting with effective counter punches, Johnny Cesario, 143, New England's welterweight champion, was given a split, very unpopular ten-round decision over Negro Berry Wright, Cleveland's aggressive 145-pounder, at the Boston Garden in the feature of the Callahan A. C. show. Time and again Wright would stick his long left into Cesario's face without a return. Berry received a deep cut under his right eye in the sixth round and it flowed until the end.

In three other scheduled tens, Jack "Spider" Armstrong, 131, Boston, outpointed former world's featherweight king, Phil Terranova, 135, New York, in impressive style; Don Williams, 141, Worcester's highly-touted prospect, was awarded a three-round T.K.O. win over Gene LeBlanc, 136, Fall River, and Roy Andrews, 137, Lowell, rising lightweight star, won a clean-cut duke over veteran Richie Shinn, 135, San Francisco, Cal. Armstrong looked very good against the rough and tough Terranova. Terranova took two trips to the canvas, once in the eighth and again in the ninth round, for nine counts.

Andrews almost won by a kayo in the sixth when he caught Shinn flush on the button with a terrific right-hand punch to down him.

Salem, Mass.—The art of boxing came into its own in the feature bout at the North Street Arena when the ringwise veteran from Reading, Pa., Paulie Jackson, 137½, outboxed Johnny Priest, 137½, Cambridge, Mass., in the 10-round top bout. It was a fast and interesting bout to watch. In the semi-final six, Bobby Welch, 140, Boston, stopped Carter Holmes, 144, Boston, in the fifth when Holmes sustained a cut eye.

Portland, Me.—Hard-punching Horace Bailey, 154, Biddeford, Me., defeated Freddie Price, 159½, New York, in the 10-round main bout at the Exposition Building. Young Jimmy Dinardo, 149, Berlin, N. H., was given a good hand from the fans after knocking out Ralph Troiano, 146, Portland, in the fourth round of the semi-final.

Fall River, Mass.—Coming into the scrap with eight kayoes in as many outings, "Lucky" Jordan, 144, Providence, R. I., had to be content with a unanimous 10-round decision over willing Billy Kearns, 145, Wethersfield, Conn., in the windup at the Casino. Jordan, a member of the Leo P. Bradley stable and only 18 years old, could not put Kearns to sleep, but won in convincing fashion. Goody Peters, 146, Brockton, Mass., captured a six-round duke from Rocky Valenti, 148, Providence, R. I., and Al Barbosa, 156, North Carver, Mass., triumphed over Al Pinel, 160, New Bedford, Mass., in another six. Johnny Luz, 153, New Bedford, Mass., outpointed Eddie York, 148, Boston, in six hard-fought rounds. The opening four saw Johnny Best, 124, New Bedford, decision Eddie Berry, 126, Brockton, Mass.

Worcester, Mass.—A trio of eight-rounders supplanted a slated Lee Savold-Mike Jacobs 10-round headliner at the Auditorium. In the top eight, Tony Ducharme, 134, Montreal, annexed a win over Bobby English, 132, Fall River, in a rugged tilt. A heavyweight match had Lonnie Clark, 220, Philadelphia, winning over Noel Reed, 229, Hartford, Conn., and Mickey Maguire, 133, Boston, copping the nod over Cliff Griffin, 131, Providence, R. I., in the initial eight.

Waterville, Me.—Maine feather champ Vic Young, 128, Saco, manufactured an eight-round victory over trying Isaac Thomas, 127, Bangor, Me., in the main bout. Jackie Dubois, 163, Waterville, kayoed Soldier Watson, 163, Bangor, Me., in one heat.

Rumford, Me.—Up-and-coming Ted Brassley, 158, Portland, Me., outdistanced veteran Eddie Letourneau, 154, Sanford, Me., to get the eight-round decision of Jimmy Cook's card at City Hall. Harry Wong, 154, Portland, Me., stopped Dick Bourgoin, 154, Berlin, N. H., in four rounds of the semi-final.

Worcester—Making his initial bid in a comeback campaign after serving in the Navy for three years, Johnny Potenti, 153, the pride and joy of Worcester, halted Jimmy Dinardo, 149, Berlin, N. H., in the third round of the scheduled 10-round main bout at Mechanics Hall before a large crowd. Potenti, much improved in all departments over his previous showings in 1944 and 1945, gained the upper hand from the start and never let up until the referee stopped the proceedings in the third round. Prior to the end, Dinardo was floored for nine in the second and was bleeding from the nose, the result of a hard right-hand shot in the first session. Charlie Dotson, 160, Boston, T.K.O.'ed gamester Al Tanguay, 164, Lewiston, Me., in the third, and Barry Wood, 131, Worcester, outpointed Bobby Pooler, 135, Portland, Me., in six. "Irish" Tommy Moore, 135½, Boston, was a kayo winner over Billy Mays, 135, Boston, in the fifth.

Lewiston, Me.—In the second biggest Maine boxing show in history, Hermie Freeman, 136, Bangor, Me., outpointed Al Couture, 144, Lewiston, to nab the Pine Tree State welter title before a capacity crowd at the Lewiston Armory in a wild-slugging match. Freeman, the best fighter to come out of Maine in many years, gained his best win after taking the veteran Couture into camp. Paulie Walker, 162, Hallowell, Me., ended the semi-final in quick time by stopping Carl Lawless, 163, Unity, Me., in one round.

Boston—As close to 5,000 fans sat through six hours of glove-tossing, watching 33 bouts in all, the 1948 N.E.A.A.U. simon-pure champs were crowned at the Boston Arena. Of the 33 bouts, 19 were decided by decision verdicts and 14 by knockouts. The newly-crowned kings were: Francis Collins, Boston, in the 112-pound class (it was his second consecutive title success); Nero Ferry of Fall River in the bantamweight division; George Araujo of Providence, R. I., who also received the George V. Brown Memorial Trophy awarded to the outstanding boxer of the show, in the featherweight class; Joe McDonald of Boston, 135-pound ruler; Norman Hayes, Boston, welter titlist; Dick Gallivan, Jamaica Plain, Mass., in the middleweight division; Bob Hunt, Montpelier, Vt., in the light-heavyweight class, and Rocky Marchegiano, Brockton, Mass., in the heavyweight bracket. It is the best team to represent New England in years.

Salem, Mass.—Middleweight George Hill, 153, Everett, Mass., hammered Charlie Dotson, 156½, Boston, into submission in five rounds at the North Street Arena in the scheduled 10-round windup. Dotson, a sub for Bobby Richardson of Cleveland, was outclassed from the opening bell. Billy Simmons, 134, Boston, kayoed Doc Blanchard, 130, Cambridge, Mass., in six. Lou Bell, 130, Lowell, Mass., came off the floor to stop Charley Celeste, 127, Boston, in four.

Portland, Me.—Jean Richard, 127, Montreal, had little trouble in beating Steve Kronis, 130, Boston, in the feature bout at the Exposition Building. The fray, slated for ten rounds, ended in just 2:30 of the initial chapter after Richard connected with a stiff right to the jaw. Jimmy Dinardo, 150, Berlin, N. H., outpointed Al Marquis, 156, Brunswick, Me., in the eight-round semi-final.

Bangor, Me.—Freddie Price, 159, Ireland's newest importation, scored his first American victory with a T.K.O. triumph over Carl McFadden, 156, Bangor, in the sixth round at the Arena. Hubie Scott, 136, Bangor, outpointed Uppercut Roy, 136, Old Town, Me., in the semi-final of six rounds.

Fall River, Mass.—Jackie Williams, 142, New York, forced Roy Andrews, 137, Lowell, Mass., right out of a New England lightweight title fight after knocking out the youthful Bay Stater in the fourth round at the Casino. Williams, a decided underdog and a last-minute substitution at that, belted Andrews to the deck in the first round and continued his barrage until the *coup de grace* in the fourth chapter. Willie Stevenson, 138, Providence, R. I., kayoed Billy Murray, 142, Boston, in one.

Worcester, Mass.—Don Williams, 142, Worcester, added the name of Paulie Jackson, 136½, Reading, Pa., to his list of victims at the Auditorium after gaining a six-round T.K.O. victory in their slated eight-round windup. Dick Callahan, 160, Boston, knocked out Jimmy Pettie, 151, Woburn, Mass., in three and Barry Wood, 135, Worcester, put the ax on Mickey Maguire, 130½, Boston, in four rounds of another scheduled eight.

Boston—Ending his American tour with his second win in three fights, Swedish heavyweight Olle Tandberg looked impressive scoring a convincing 10-round triumph over Duilio Spagnola, formerly of Milan, Italy, at the Boston Garden before a disappointed crowd of 4,807 fans. Only in the fifth and sixth stanzas did Spagnola, winner of his last 12 fights, hold the upper hand. Tandberg had an advantage in the weights at 204 to 188.

In the eight-round semi-final bout, a listless affair, Jimmy Carter, 135½, Newark, N. J., registered an easy victory over Cal Smith, 138½, Philadelphia. Other bouts had Red Perkins, 138, Lynn, Mass., stopping Billy Simmons, 135, Boston, in four; Willie James, 186½, Boston, outpointing Lonnie Clark, 205, Philadelphia, and Bill Daley, 153, Brookline, Mass., winning over Al Pinel, 157½, New Bedford, Mass., in six rounds.

Lewiston, Me.—Outroughing his foe, Oliver Desmarais, 135, Manchester, N. H., took a 10-round decision from Maurice "Lefty" LaChance, 138, Lewiston, in the main bout at City Hall. Al Marquis, 153, Brunswick, Me., gained the win over Dom Sinibaldi, 148, Berlin, N. H., in six rounds.

Salem, Mass.—Tommy Greb, 138, Boston, one-time New England lightweight king, sprang an upset with a split decision victory over Tony Riccio, 131½, Medford, Mass., in ten rounds at the North Street Arena. In the semi-final of eight rounds, Joey Bolduc, 130, Cambridge, Mass., decisioned Paul Frechette, 127, Lowell, Mass., via unanimous decision.

Fall River, Mass.—Outpunching his opponent, Jackie Lovatt, 147, Providence, R. I., defeated Jimmy Sauer, 153, Cambridge, Mass., in ten hard rounds at the Casino. Jackie Wilson, 149, Quincy, Mass., outpointed Johnny Luz, 150, New Bedford, Mass., in six.

Worcester, Mass.—With knockouts dominating the program, Pat Comiskey, 214, Paterson, N. J., belted out Al Kinsey, 192, Worcester, in 2:53 of the first round at the Auditorium. Frank Cotia, 208, Providence, R. I., stopped Harry Bilzarian, 186, Worcester, in three, and Johnny Melko, 205, Worcester, gained the decision over Bill Hardeman, 194, Boston, in six.

Worcester, Mass.—Wearing down his adversary with terrific body blows, popular Johnny Potenti, 153, Worcester, stopped Milton Lightfoot, 152, Boston, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten at Mechanics Hall. It was Potenti's second straight win since receiving his discharge from the Navy. Ike Stevenson, 150, Framingham, Mass., T.K.O.'ed Ace McCluskey, 154, Boston, in three, and Red Perkins, 139, Lynn, Mass., outpointed Jerry King, 137, Providence, R. I., in six.

Athol, Mass.—After an eight-month lapse, Athol returned to the fistic picture under the wing of Promoter Charley McAdams. In the top eight-rounder, Edgar Gallant, 126, Gardner, Mass., stopped Eddie Hudson, 130, Bath, Me., in the third round. Gallant, very popular in western

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Bay State rings, made his first start in over a year a successful one, battering Hudson at will. A companion eight saw Tiger Flowers, 147, Worcester, Mass., kayo Elwie Gallant, 142, Portland, Me., in the second round.

Bangor, Me.—Aggressive Bill Daley, 153, Brookline, Mass., one of the better young prospects in these parts, had an easy time taking a unanimous 10-round decision over Freddie Price, 158½, Galway, Eire, at the City Hall. It was Price's second American defeat in three starts. Hubie Scott, 134, Bangor, outpointed Isaac Thomas, 130, Bangor, in the six-round semi-final.

Lewiston, Me.—Al Couture, 150, Lewiston, continued his clean-up in Maine rings with a ninth-round T.K.O. victory over Mike Saad, 150, Manchester, N. H., in the scheduled 10-round feature at the Armory. In a bantamweight semi-final, Eddie Beaulieu, 117½, Lewiston, defeated Roland Richard, 115½, Portland.

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NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS

By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING AROUND—Lee Savold, veteran Paterson heavyweight, scored a big upset when as a substitute for Joe Baksi, he KO'ed Gino Buonvino in 54 seconds of the first round, for a new Madison Square Garden record.

Ike Williams, lightweight titleholder from Trenton, signed to defend his title against Enrique Bolanos in June. The rubber meeting between Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano has been set for June 9 at Newark.

Carl (Buddy) Farrell, Newark middleweight, received a bad break when he broke his hand in the first round of a bout with Jose Basora. Isn't it time that Buster Tyler, Newark welterweight, who has beaten the best in his class, including Beau Jack and Tommy Bell, be given the recognition that he has earned? Freddie Archer, veteran Newark welter, has called it a day.

BEST PROSPECT OF THE MONTH—Archie McBride, young Trenton heavyweight.

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH—At Vineland—Cleve Bailey, 172, Vineland, and Bernie Williams, 172, Atlantic City, drew, 6; Charlie Robinson, 192, Camden, stopped Gilly Ferron, 205, Philadelphia, 5; Lettie Petway, 129, Vineland, outpointed Aaron Tart, 128, Philadelphia, 6; Vince Sabatino, 140, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Jimmy Burns, 135, Philadelphia, 1; Joe Petrongola, 152, Newfield, K.O.'ed Billy Hoover, 160, Bridgeton, 2.

At Trenton—Herbie (Biff) Jones, 131, Washington, D. C., halted Eddie White, 129, Jersey City, 2; Joe Gannon, 165, Washington, D. C., easily outpointed Larry Gibson, 164, Trenton, 6; Jimmy Green, 140, Trenton, stopped George Hunter, 141, Philadelphia, 4; George Lewis, 152, Philadelphia, defeated Willie Hill, 157, Princeton, 4; Lee Curley, 155, Trenton, drew with Buddy Bronson, 158, Philadelphia, 4.

Al Mobley, 150, Newark, outslugged Lenox Dingle, 149, Philadelphia, 8; Nick Restano, 140, Newark, whipped clowning Palmer Brown, 138, Philadelphia, 6; Joe McCloskey, 144, Camden, stopped George Hunter, 142, Philadelphia, 4; Gene Barbetta, 132, Bristol, K.O.'ed Frankie Vance, 137, Philadelphia, 1; Bobby Miller, 133, Philadelphia, halted Freddy Loveless, 135, Princeton, 3.

Joe Gannon, 160, Washington, D. C., made his main bout debut by easily beating Andres (Indian) Gomez, 165, Havana, Cuba, 8; Larry Gibson, 166, Trenton, stopped Jimmy Moore, 159, Chester, Pa., 1; Johnny Ware, 153, Princeton, outpointed Georgie Lewis, 154, Philadelphia, 6; Charley Howley, 160, Chester, won over Mike Dudash, 165, Trenton, 4; Angel Martinez, 165, Newark, stopped Jim Dockery, 155, Chester, 3.

Van Butler, 156, much improved Trentonite, easily outpointed Romerio Chavez, 153, Philadelphia, 8; Archie McBride, 183, Trenton, flattened Jersey Joe (Ernest Conyer) Louis, 184, Camden, 5; Bernie Peters, 129, Philadelphia, rallied to outpoint Johnny Wolgast, 129, Philadelphia, 6.

At Newark—Vince Scapari, 147, Newark, again outpointed Tony Rose, 151, Newark, 8. It was Tony's second loss. Eddie Edwards, 149, Newark, stopped Jim Roche, 143, Paterson, 2; Pete Jones, 128, Trenton, upset Pete Yellovich, 124, Elizabeth by stopping him, 3; Richard Dix, 144, Netcong, beat Freddy Pedriera, 144, Staten Island, 4; Mike Della, 137, Bayonne, whipped Billy Marto, 134, N. Y. C., 4; and Tommy King, 134, Newark, upset Ralph Booker, 128, Paterson, 4.

Archie DeVino, 130, Newark, easily outpointed Matt Parker, 132, Riverside, N. J., 8; Agostino Guedes, 189, Lisbon, Portugal, came off the floor to outpunch Ernie (E.Z.Q.) Sheppard, 190, East Orange, 8; Joe Gabriele, 127, Orange, K.O.'ed Matty McClain, 127½, Newark, 3; Gabriele, who is unbeaten in nine starts, is a protege of Allie Stolz. Eddie Edwards, 152, Newark, beat Billy Conklin, 158, Paterson, 4; Tommy King, 132, Newark, whipped Lou Woods, 132, Fanwood, 4.

Carl (Buddy) Farrell, 152, Newark, won a close decision from Jackie Cooper, 159, Chicago, 10; Tommy Thomas, 146, Montclair, won from Johnny Vajas, 147, Paterson, 6; Angel Martinez, 175, Newark, stopped Mike Dudash, 170, Trenton, 4; Tony Cimmino, 153, Bayonne, whipped Charlie Schwab, 156, Passaic, 4; Mike Della, 130, Bayonne, won from Sal Zano, 127, Belleville, 4; Otis Edwards, 147, Fanwood, whipped Johnny Silvia, 143, Newark, 4.

Johnny Darby, 147, Paterson, again outpointed Joe Martino, 147, Newark, 8; Roger Muriel, 154, Elizabeth, scored a big upset in easily outpointing Tony Rose, 153, Newark, 8; Isaac Jenkins, 142, N.Y.C., stopped Manuel Dizon, 138, San Antonio, Texas, 5; Whirlwind Whetstone, 179, Staten Island, outpointed Les Carter, 203, Long Branch, 4; Stokes Thomas, 137, Newark, beat Benny Stewart, 139, Newark, 4.

At Jersey City—Joe Chesul, 183, Bayonne, returned to action to outpoint Art Henri, 185, Springfield Gardens, N. Y., 6; Roger Muriel, 157, Elizabeth, upset Russell Richter, 158, Paterson, 6; Ray Aliverti, 162, Brooklyn, whipped Bill Ellison, 158, Newark, 5; Billy Taylor, 163, Long Island City, surprised by holding Casmire Sagulski, 165, Irvington, to a draw, 5; Al Carter, 144, Paterson, K.O.'ed Roosevelt Henry, 140, N.Y.C., 3; Sal Amica, 122, Passaic, outpointed Johnny Morgan, 132, Long Island City, 4.

Tony Riccio, 148½, Bayonne, outpunched Jerry Coursol, 146, Valley Stream, L. I., 8; Billy Dove, promising young Cliffside Park boy, outpointed Billy Feeney of Bayonne in six fast rounds. Both boys weighed 140. Mike Della, 127, Bayonne, beat Johnny Sheridan, 129, Cliffside Park, 4; Tommy Parks, 145, Rahway, K.O.'ed Henry Pina, 148, Bronx, 3; Joe Woods, 164, Oakland, K.O.'ed Leroy Fleming, 165, Washington, D. C., 2; Whirlwind Whetstone, 182, Staten Island, drew with Jimmy Walls, 176, Englewood, 4.

Freddy Patterson, 151, Rochester, upset Mike DeCosmo, 144, Elizabeth southpaw, in the main eight rounder. Patterson, who has been fighting four round bouts in the smaller New York clubs, had things his own way. Carl Tallman, 144, Cliffside Park protege of Gus Lesnevich, stopped Lenny Queen, 146, Inwood, N. Y., 6; Johnny Luciano, 149, Fairlawn, former amateur champ, made his pro bow by flattening Otis (Young) Edwards, 147, Fanwood, 1; Tony Tenore, 143, Hoboken, K.O.ed Al Mart, 137, N.Y.C., 1; Eddie Marmo, 162, Paterson, whipped Eddie Beta, 164, Queens, 4; Dick Connelly, 146, Newark, defeated Tony Cimmino, 148, Bayonne, 4.

At Atlantic City—Percy Bassett, 127, Philadelphia, battered Filberto Osario, 129, Cuba, 8; Osario was saved by the bell in the last round. Van Butler, 152, Trenton, upset Otis Graham, 147, Philadelphia, 8; Malcolm Gaines, 153, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Red Schultz, 150, Philadelphia, 1; Joe Cuccinotti, 122, Philadelphia, won from Russ Davis, 119, Trenton, 6; Vince Sabatini, 139, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Frankie King, 137, Philadelphia, 1. This show was run in the Convention hall and drew 5,000 people.

Bill Gilliam, 208, Newark, scored over Roy Thomas, 200, N.Y.C., 8; Floyd Stepney, 168, Philadelphia, won from Nate Ganie, 158, Philadelphia, 6; Hank Watkins, 158, Newark, K.O.'ed Harvey Turner, 159, Chester, 1; Joe McCloskey, 140, Camden, beat Ralph Morales, 138, Trenton, 6; Jimmy Deckard, 180, Camden, whipped Pete Amoroso, 175, Philadelphia, 6.

Mel Neary, 131, Philadelphia, outpointed Willie Alexander, 125, Chester, Pa., 8; Tony Cocco, 120, Philadelphia, whipped Artie Vernon, 124, Chester, 6; Jimmy Swan, 144, Atlantic City, beat Clyde Diggs, 148, Chester, 6; Vince Sabatini, 139, Atlantic City, did it again by K.O.ing Lew Sigars, 135, Vineland, 3; Al Bruce, 152, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Willie Hoover, 156, Bridgeton, 1.

Leroy Coleman, 153, Lodi, punched his way to a hard fought win over Joe Tate, 161, Philadelphia, 8. Tate was down twice. Malcolm Gaines, 152, Atlantic City, scored another good win by beating Jimmy Milligan, 152, Haskill, N. J., 6; Speedy Lawrence, 144, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Mitchell Allen, 149, Philadelphia, 5; Julius Reed, 134, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Vince Merollo, 140, Philadelphia, 3; Carey Saxon, 127, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Gino Rigo, 121, Vineland, 1.

Atlantic City—Percy Bassett, 127, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Jimmy Champagne, 131, Philadelphia, in 2.05 of the second round. It was Percy's 14th straight win. Bassett, if he isn't rushed, is going to be a real title threat in another year. Eddie Holtz, 142, Atlantic City, stopped Red Schultz, 145, Philadelphia, at the end of five bloody rounds. Jimmy Smith, 150, Philadelphia, rallied to draw with Al Bruce, 151, Atlantic City, 6; Vince Sabatini, 139, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Leon Hayes, 141, Camden, 2; Page Beckwith, 152, Philadelphia, and Billy Gallagher drew, 4.

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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN

With Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

MARCH was another quiet month for professional boxing in Wisconsin. However, amateur boxing flourished with over 40 high schools going in for the sport. Under Coach Vince Megna, Marquette University staged its first inter-class contests—five in all. They may stage duel meets with other colleges next fall. Wisconsin University, four time national college champions, has won 20 duel meets in a row under Coach Johnny Walsh, who has been selected as the coach for the Olympic boxing team.

Fred Saddy, secretary of the Wisconsin Boxing Commission, attended the meeting of the executive officers of the N.B.A. in Philadelphia. Because boxing received some adverse publicity recently, I can't see any reason why the N.B.A. should get jittery and recommend a lot of changes in the rules. I cannot put my finger on any injuries that occurred in the sport due to lack of rules.

From here it looks as though all that is needed is more professional boxing people on the commissions and rigid enforcement of the rules we have.

Ray Markey, secretary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles which boasts upwards of 20,000 members, staged an open forum in the Order's $10,000,000 club house. The monthly affair is called the Pro & Con Program. Recently the subject was, "Should We Ban Professional Boxing?" Billy Mitchell (con) and Attorney Jos. H. Swerdloff (pro) were the main speakers. In the open discussion that followed, Markey, myself, and a half dozen others not members of the boxing profession supported brother Billy, while several attorneys supported the eloquent Swerdloff. Markey, a former member of the boxing commission and at one time a boxer of note, did a particularly good job. The meeting was well conducted and there were no vicious or mean attacks on boxing. The speakers shot what they thought was the plain truth and the crowd enjoyed it. This kind of discussion is a good thing for boxing. After the meeting, as is the custom, the members voted, and the verdict was in favor of professional boxing. Swerdloff, who happens to be a good boxing fan, when asked how he voted said, "I guess I was on the wrong side of the argument, but I was happy to learn what was in the minds of these fellows who make boxing 'tick'."

Have been receiving quite a few letters asking about old time boxing people here. Some that come to my mind now are: Tom Larkin, promoter and athletic director M.A.C., retired at 80; Gus Christie, now athletic director M.A.C.; Gene McGovern, boxer, now retired tavern keeper; Billy Driscoll, machinist; Bert Seaman, tavern keeper; Charley Neary, brokerage, Chicago; Freddie Andrews, county recreation department; Earl Olson, captain detectives, Racine; Ernie Fliegel, night club owner, Minneapolis; his partner, Leo Levitt, promoter, Hawaii; Bob Moha, guard, Chain Belt; Eddie Moha, chief clerk; Tommy Neary, tavern keeper; Morrie Engel, merchant, Los Angeles; Frankie Bataglia, dog breeder, Minnesota; King Tut, bartender, Minneapolis; Ray Temple, billiard parlor owner, St. Paul; Richie Mitchell, salesman; Tait Littman, grocery store owner; Joey Sangor, drug store owner.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By SPIKE McCARTHY

AT the Minneapolis Auditorium, Del Flanagan, St. Paul's leading lightweight, defeated Harry LaSane, 131, from Houston, Texas, in the eight round main event. The fight was close and Del had to fight every inch of the way to get the duke over the rough tough hombre from the Lone Star State.

In the semi windup Howard Bleyhl, the Madison veteran, weighing 148, lost to Emil Evans, a wild swinging battler from the back country, in a stunning upset. Bleyhl, who has been Promoter Billy Colbert's main stock in trade for these past 18 months, was more than somewhat puzzled by the unorthodox style of this farm boy scrapper.

In another eight rounder Jumping Joe Barone, 133, from Pittsburgh, Pa., gained the nod over Danny Martin of Detroit. Barone, short, squatty, powerfully built battler, was remindful of another battler who came out of Pittsburgh about 30 years ago and headlined many a card here in St. Paul. His name was Tommy Barone.

Caveman Chuck Hensel, St. Paul's up and coming middleweight, put the chill on Johnny Baird, 158, from Des Moines, Iowa, in the 1st heat with a powerful left hook, while his stablemate, Dick (Muscles) Bighley, 144, beat Dolf Edwards, 146, from Des Moines in four rounds and Willie (Piper) Jones, 205, outpointed his fellow townsman Freddy Ford, 177, in another four. The gross gate was $5,146.

Jimmy Donohue, St. Paul's genial tavern keeper whose place of business is a headquarters for the fight fans has two bartenders who are ex-boxers in the persons of Gordy (Golden Gloves) Johnson, and Little Joe Curran, a bantamweight of the early twenties.

Bob Luby, who was considered quite a prospect before being wounded at Guadalcanal, is now a bus driver here in St. Paul.

Here we are at the 25th anniversary of St. Paul's great middleweight champion, Mike O'Dowd. The Fighting Harp came to the end of his fistic trail when he suffered a one-round knockout at the hands of his fellow townsman, James (Jock) Malone, at the St. Paul Auditorium. The Harp, who had been poorly advised into accepting this bout, had been suffering from a leg injury acquired during his service as a combat soldier in World War I. He had captured the hearts of the local fight fans like no other fighter had before nor since, and his legion of admirers sat like they were transfixed when he was dropped for the second time by the fast punching Malone. (There wasn't a sound as the referee tolled off the fatal ten.) In the tomb like silence of the big arena you could hear a pin drop as St. Paul's only son to ever win a world championship was counted out for the first and only time of his life.

But today The Harp is just about the best fixed ex-northwest boxer around this territory. With a ton of money in the bank and a trust fund that is paying off handsome dividends, and just about one of the leading taverns in the old home town, The Harp, about two years ago took unto himself a charming and lovely wife, so one can easily see that Mike is more than well blessed with worldly goods and is at peace with the world. He can be found each day at his tavern on Robert street, bouncing the ball with his old pals, and shaking hands and greeting old acquaintances who seem to be dropping in at his place from all over the nation, cutting up old touches and reminiscing once again over old fights and other events of his rich mellow past.

St. Paul had its traditional St. Patrick's day boxing card on March 17th, with a double windup. In the first eight-rounder Tommy Lemmon, 157, from Milwaukee and Paulie Blanks, 159, from Vancouver, B. C., fought a thrilling draw. In the other half of the windup Del Flanagan, 133½, St. Paul's onrushing lightweight, defeated Chicago's south side cutie, Herman Mills, 132. Herman, who knows all of the tricks of how not to get belted out, managed to avoid the heavy punches of his opponent, but in doing this lost every round.

In the six-round special event Buzz Brown, 158, St. Paul, belted out Bobby Simmons, 155, from Indianapolis, in the second round. Chuck Hensel, 163, St. Paul, spotted Virgil Straus of Rock Island, Illinois, ten pounds and outfumbled him for the duke in six heats, while Dick (Muscles) Bighley, 138, from St. Paul was outscrambled in a four-rounder by Bobby Beamon, 134, of Chicago. The attendance was 3500, with the gross a little over five thousand.

Tonight at the Minneapolis Auditorium Jackie Graves, 131, continued his march of conquest when he K.O.'ed short curly headed Lou Alter, 126, Hebrew battler from Montreal, Canada, in the third canto. This Mutt and Jeff type of a battle (Graves was a full head taller than his baby faced opponent) was witnessed by a crowd of 4851 paying customers who chipped in with a gross of $9630. Alter, who had been suggested as an opponent for Graves in St. Paul for its traditional St. Patrick's day fight card, failed to extend the powerfully built Austinite one iota, and Jackie added nothing to his laurels by this hollow victory. Three years ago when Jackie was just out of the amateur ranks a year he was boxing men of the Harry Jeffra, Charley Riley, LeRoy Jackson, Cabey Lewis, Baby Gonzales type and other top notchers, and now after all of this seasoning he is being pitted against such weak opposition.

In the eight-round semi-windup Jackie Burke, 168½, from Grand Rapids Minnesota, got back on the victory wagon when he stopped Russ Baxter, 162½, from Newcastle, Pennsylvania, in the eighth and final round. The usual fast punching, nimble footed Burke appeared slow and sluggish as he tried to land the morpheus loaded punch right from the start. However, it took Jackie eight heats to nail Baxter.

In the six-round special event Clem Custer, 131½, from Detroit and Lulu Williams, 129½, from Kansas City boxed to a draw. Ernie DeFrance, 133½, from Wichita, Kansas, K.O.'ed Solly Sanchez, 135, from Detroit in the third. Willie Jones, 200, from St. Paul and Charley Martin, 202½, from Kansas City boxed a four-round draw.

Tonight at the St. Paul Auditorium Del Flanagan, Irish lightweight, took the measure of southpaw Eddie Brant, 136½, from Dayton, Ohio, by scoring a clean K.O. over the gamester from the Buckeye State in the seventh round. Eddie, who was the first southpaw that Del has faced so far in his career, proved no stumbling block for the fast punching St. Paulite. For three rounds Brant was more than a bit dangerous, but after that Del had his style solved and went about the business of taking the exact measurements of his foe, cutting him badly over his right eye and giving him a good pasting.

In the eight-round semi-windup Buzz Brown, 156, from St. Paul, defeated good-looking Dick Smith, 159, of Oklahoma City. Buzz, who is now boxing as a middleweight, was too strong for the southwesterner and won decisively.

In the third eight-rounder the ever popular Howard Bleyhl, the Madison veteran, defeated the clever Paulie Blanks, middleweight from Vancouver, B. C.

Booker Ellis, 147½, burly St. Paul Negro, making his first start since suffering a broken hand three months ago, defeated Tony Netro, 144, of Warren, Ohio, in a six-rounder, while Handsome Fred Ford, 178, from St. Paul, put the old chill on Bob Montgomery, 182, from Billings, Montana. Fred administered the coup de grace in the third frame. The bout drew a little over $6000, with attendance around 3500 paying fans.

Send all of your ring news to this writer either at 15 East Fifth Street, or at his home, 33 Garfield street, here in St. Paul.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

OAKLAND BILLY SMITH transplanted Oakland, Calif., to Cincinnati light-heavyweight boxer, and Allen Menachoff, Dayton, Ohio, promoter, are the big news in this territory.

Menachoff staged his first show in the Gem City on March 19 and drew better than $5000 with Billy Smith doing his chores with a four-round K.O. over Babe Amos of Detroit.

Oakland Billy Smith broke the headlines again when on the night of March 29 on a Becker brothers promoted show at Cincinnati which drew a net of $13,634, Billy surprised the top flight raters with a three-round T.K.O. over Bob Foxworth of Chicago.

All the prelims on the cards were excellent. On the Cincinnati undercard, Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati, won over Jess Underwood of Huntington, W. Va., in a tenner. Joe Discepoli, Cincinnati lightweight, easily outscored Filberto Osario, the Puerto Rican, in a ten-rounder. The latter came in at the featherweight poundage. Lee Carter, Indianapolis, K.O.'ed Charlie Lee, Cincinnati heavy, in one heat. Jackie O'Cohen, Cincinnati feather, K.O.'ed Les Thompson, Indianapolis, in four.

In the supporting matches to the Dayton bout, Charlie Scott, Newport, Ky., KO'ed substitute Pee Wee Watson in two; Norman Horton, Dayton, whipped Alex Arella, Cincinnati, 160, in five; Frankie Ivon, Dayton, 147, K.O.'ed Ronnie Hamlin, Cincinnati, in two, and in the opener, Art Edmundsen of Cincinnati won an exciting four round verdict from Dick Armstrong of Dayton.

Much of Dayton, Ohio's, current success should go to Boxing Commissioner Morrie Paul, who has worked unceasingly with Promoter Menachoff to bring the best to the upstate metropolis.

Harry Hartman presented a show at the Music Hall Arena with Davey Feld, another "new" Cincinnatian, having moved here from New York, knocking out Lou Hardman of Michigan.

A word or two on Promoter Harry Hartman. Harry has been around boxing for many a year. He was the first to broadcast a Cincinnati boxing match, when he was sportscaster for old radio station WFBE.

Around Cincinnati and Fountain Square with the punchers and their pilots. . . . I am inaugurating a new service to promoters, managers, sports writers and commissions, so those interested please write me at 6716 Palmetto street, Cincinnati, O. It's down your alley. . . Waite Hoyt, former big league ball player and now sportscaster on WCPO radio station in Cincinnati, the other night gave Nat Fleischer a big sendoff in repeating Nat's story on the McCarty-Pelkey match. . . . Jack Moran, former manager of Tiger West, Happy Journee and other fighters, is doing O.K. by himself in the manufacturing business here in Cincy. . . . Freddie Miller and Joe Seta seem to be doing a marvelous job with Joe Discepoli.

We would like to hear from anyone interested in our dollar a year fight flashes service . . . see above address for contact. . . .And in closing don't forget to buy your copy of THE RING early at the newstand . . . they go awful fast.

FIGHTS IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.
By LARRY JONAS

ONE of the local upsets of the year was Johnny Gardea's K.O. of the flashy Art Hardy. After compiling a decisive four-round lead, Hardy met his nemesis in the fifth frame when a right cross made contact with his chin and finished him for the evening. A heavy schedule of fights just previous to the Gardea engagement softened Hardy for the kill, but a stiff right to the chin has more than once proved to be a great leveler to fighters even hardier than the redoubtable Hardy. Gardea weighed 163 and Hardy came in at the same weight.

In the semi, George Holmes decked Wild Bill McDowell three times in the final round to win a six-round decision. Both scaled 163. Preliminaries: Wendy Gallant, 179, stopped Johnny Cordola, 191, three; Hal Darancette, 188, decisioned Eddie Humbert, 196, four; John De La Torre, 139, outpointed Rufus Lane, 139, four.

Frankie Lieberman of Long Beach had little trouble chilling Dynamite Jackson in the second round of their main event contest. Lieberman dropped Jackson in the first, and just to prove it wasn't an accident, he decked him twice more in the second before getting across the quietus punch. At 134, Lieberman gave away six pounds to the local boxer.

The semi featured the return to the Phoenix ring wars of veteran Battling Black Jack, who stopped Tony Martin in the sixth and last round after being well ahead on points. Martin's weight was 224, with Black Jack coming in at a trim 187. Preliminaries: Lonnie Stewart, 156, eked out a decision over Willie Bean, 148, six; Bobby Gene, 144, whipped Preston Jefferson, 148, six; Paul Williams, 134, K.O.'ed Fausto Moreno, 132½, four.

Jelly McElroy proved that he still has what it takes by handing Billy Shelton the first K.O. defeat of his career. After engaging Shelton on even terms in the first round, McElroy exploded a short right-hand chop in the second to draw the curtains on Billy in just 2:32. Shelton made 145; McElroy, 144.

In the semi, Noble Johnson, 114, repeated his previous victory over Bobby Molina, 115½.

Preliminaries: Wendy Gallant, 175, halted Joe Lee, 183, two; Bobby Jean, 150, stopped Jimmy Streeter, 149, four; Bob Terronce, 138, K.O.'ed Preston Jefferson, 147, three.

Charley Burley, the erstwhile Pittsburgh socker, had little trouble in salting away Battling Black Jack, billed for six rounds. A hard right spilled Black Jack in the third and he was counted out while on his hands and knees. Coming in at 165, Burley spotted Black Jack ten pounds.

The semi proved a surprise, with Dynamite Jackson, 144, decisioning Billy Shelton, 142, who ruled as the favorite in the six-rounder. Preliminaries: Art Hardy, 159, iced Joe Smith, 187, four; Wendy Gallant, 165, flattened Jack Ballinger, 156, three; Willie Bean, 143, decisioned Roy Blake, 149, six.

Art Hardy obtained a measure of revenge for his knockout at the hands of Johnny Gardea by decisioning the L.A. fighter in a return match. It was a hard fight all the way with both boys giving and taking plenty of punishment. Hardy weighed 159½ to 159 for Gardea.

In the semi, Dynamite Jackson, 141, scored a mild upset by his K.O. victory in the fourth over Flash Gordon, 157. Jackson either lays 'em out or winds up as a K.O. victim himself. Preliminaries: Johnny Reza, 135, outboxed Hector Portillo, 130, four; Joe Smith, 182, K.O.'ed Chuck Jackson, 184, one; Jack Ballinger, 162, stopped Don Boyd, 173, three; Lupe Gonzales, 139, halted Ernest Martin, 135, two.

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CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

DEE MANTIA and Lee Hammond, Dayton fight promoters, will stage a benefit for Young Webb, a favorite of the Gem City some years ago.

The Quality Club of Columbus, Ohio, with the writer as matchmaker, will give the two outstanding young fighters of this locality a chance to show as top fighters. The boys are Jimmy Welsh, local welterweight, and Sheriff Jackson, Hanford, Ohio, middleweight.

Allen Koff, another new promoter, has tossed his hat in the ring in Dayton, Ohio. The club will be known as The Heartsone A.C.

The Columbus Police Association plans to stage a wrestling and boxing show late in July at the Fair Grounds Coliseum.

The Johnny Suarez vs. Willie Russell show did not last long but was full of action. Russell, after trailing in the first round, stopped the West Coast battler in the second heat with a hard left hook.

The semi-final between Jimmy Welsh of Columbus and Eddie Martin of Huntington, W. Va., ended in the second heat after a bruising first round.

In another six round scrap, Sheriff Jackson, Hanford, Ohio, middleweight, KO'ed Billy Jackson in the second round.

Dick Lewis, after fighting his opponent, Ronnie Harper of Logan, W. Va., on even terms was stopped as a result of a badly cut left optic in the third.

In the opener George Jack of Columbus was stopped by Sammy Harris in the second.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, Harry Hartman staged a boxing show featuring Lou Hardman of Michigan and Dave Feld of New York City. The bout was scheduled for ten rounds but ended in the second in favor of Feld by a K. O. Oliver Cobins and Jimmy Woods, a pair of Cincinnati lightweights, slugged it out for six rounds in a very good fight, with Woods getting the nod.

Young Iacobucci won in six over Young Christian, both from Cincinnati. Frankie Ivon stopped Tom Herman in six.

Television is about to invade this part of the country. Officials are here in Ohio trying to line up the fight promoters. Several wrestling promoters have given it the O.K., but the fight promoters are a little skeptical. They fear that television will hurt the gate.

Wally Unsold, the Dover, Ohio, light-heavyweight, made short work of Wally Bader of Scranton, Pennsylvania, whom he stopped in the third round.

Jimmy Welsh, Columbus, Ohio, welterweight, made it two straight over Bill Partin of Akron, in a good six-round fight.

In another bout, Tommy Woodward of Columbus, Ohio, won the duke over Dick Credal of Akron, Ohio. They are light-heavyweights.

Dick Lewis lost in four to Young Milliron of Akron. Little Jackson of Columbus was stopped cold in the first heat by Buck Delaney of Akron. They are lightweights.

The jinx still follows the Rubber City promoters, Bob Heath and Johnny Hannison. Again the two boys tried to give the Akron fight fans big time shows and again the fans did not come through. Angel Sotillo and Henry Flake had the top billing. The two boys slugged it out, with the Italian on the floor several times. Referee Atlas halted the scrap in the eighth after Sotillo had taken a severe beating at the hands of the young Buffalo light-heavyweight.

In the semi-final, Solly Cantor of Toronto defeated Chet Martin of Akron in six.

Paul Carbetta, Mansfield, Ohio, bantamweight, and K.O. Morgan, the Detroit left hand clowning battler, went right after each other at the opening bell. Carbetta was down when the bell ended the first round. He was down again at the bell in the second round. He was down for nine in the third round, and he went down in the next two rounds, so the referee called a halt with Morgan winning by a T.K.O..

Ronald Delaney and Freddie Bernhardt, both of Akron, furnished a lot of battling in their scrap, which Delaney won on a split vote after five fast rounds.

Bill Partin, Akron welterweight, and George Kerestes of Mansfield were the participants in the opener with Partin winning the duke.

Seventeen hundred and seven fans paid $4796 gross and the fight card cost $5200, hence the promoters lost on the show.

Bobby Berry, Cleveland, was stopped by Pat McCafferty of Wichita, Kansas. They are light-heavyweights. Dick Mistovich of Youngstown, a welterweight, gained the decision over Eli de Loech of New York at Jamaica Arena, New York.

At Toledo, Ohio,—The veteran Tony Zale of Gary, Indiana, stopped Lou Woods of Detroit in a middleweight scrap scheduled for ten. Zale rocked Woods to sleep with a few lefts and rights.

In the semi-final of eight heats, Perry Mason, Toledo middleweight, decisioned Eddie O'Neill of Detroit.

Eddie Miller did the unexpected when he stopped Mike Birskovich of Niles, Ohio, in the fifth.

A large crowd was on hand for the bouts, in fact the biggest crowd since the Dempsey-Willard fight some years ago.

At Dayton, Ohio, the promoters finally got over a winner and made some money. They topped Oakland Billy Smith and Bob Amos, light-heavyweights, on a good card. It was a sweet fight with both boys tossing caution to the wind and trying for a knockout in the early rounds. Smith caught Amos with several good right hands, waded right in and put the finishing touch to the Auto City fighter in the fourth heat.

Frankie Ivon an up and coming welterweight from Columbus, iced Ron Hamilton of Cincinnati, in the fifth after being on the floor for a nine count himself in the second round.

Promoter Harry Shook of Lima, Ohio, is the first to step in line in using eight-ounce gloves in all fights. Shook gave the fans of his city a good card when he topped Billy Todd, Columbus, and Stan Hartman of Van Wert, Ohio, in a scrap that was to have gone ten heats, but ended when Hartman caught Todd with a solar plexus punch that put the Columbus battler down for the count. Up to this time it was a nip-and-tuck fight with Todd giving the Van Wert scrapper his hardest battle of the season.

The semi-final of six rounds between Jackie Harris, a Lockbourne Air Base soldier, and Bud Hershey, Fort Wayne, Indiana's middleweight, was a dandy. Hershey was declared the winner, but the scrap was close throughout the six heats.

Buddy Walker, Columbus heavyweight, put another one on the loss side when he dropped the duke to Dusty Wilkerson of Philadelphia in an eight-round bout.

Central Ohio ring birds are all of the opinion that the next fighters to get elevated to the top bouts in this part of the country, will be Jimmy Welsh, one of the best welterweights ever turned out here for some years and Sheriff Jackson, the middleweight pride of Hanford, Ohio.

A letter just dropped on my desk from my friend Harry Eagles, who has been in California recuperating from sickness, informs me that he is getting ready to put some more shows on in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Becker brothers packed them in again at Cincinnati, Ohio. They had Billy Smith and Bob Foxworth in the top slot. Smith went to work early on Foxworth. While tossing a flurry of punches Smith connected with one that did the trick. Foxworth just stood in the corner with the ropes supporting him and was hit with everything until the referee called it enough and gave the fight to Smith.

The ten rounder between Pat Iacobucci and Jesse Underwood was a Donnybrook.

The other ten-rounder was one of those long drawn out scraps that the fans would have liked to have seen finished as early as the first heat. Joe Discepoli of Cincinnati, who carried a ten-pound weight advantage on Filberto Osario of New York City, ran all the way. Why no one knows, as Osario could not punch his way out of a paper bag.. Lee Cat Carter, Indianapolis light-heavyweight, made a short job of Charley Lee of Cincinnati, scoring a K.O. in two rounds.

Jackie O'Cohen of Cincinnati won over Young Thomas, who substituted for Doyle Upchurch of Indianapolis in five.

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AKRON, OHIO, BOXING NOTES

By TOMMY MAXWELL

BOXING lost one of its finest characters with the sudden death of Al Zill, Youngstown promoter for thirty years. Your writer and everyone throughout the Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York district was shocked to hear of his sudden death and to his family we offer our deepest sympathies. Boxing can ill afford to lose such sterling characters as Al Zill. He will be missed by the thousands of friends and business associates.

Johnny Hannison and Bob Heath staged two shows the past month and had more than their share of troubles. Through no fault of their own they were faced with a lot of substitutes and as is often the way, some of them turned out bad. To their credit they put on extra attractions to make up for same and some of those bonus bouts turned out as thrillers.

In the first show of the month they offered the popular Henry "Snow" Flake against Angel Sotillo, South American importation. Flake pounded Sotillo from pillar to post, had him down several times, but it was Referee Eddie Atlas who finally stopped him.

In the semi-final, Chet Martin, subbing from out of the crowd of spectators, with a big dinner under his belt, gave Solly Cantor, Bill Daley's new find, a fairly close battle, but Solly won all the way.

The best fight of the night was between local lighties, Freddie Bernhardt and Ronnie Delaney with the latter getting a split decision. Coming close to the Delaney-Bernhardt bout in class was the K.O. Morgan-Paul Carbetti affair. These youngsters put on a great slugfest with Morgan winning by a T.K.O. and making a tremendous hit. In the opener, Bill Partin won over George Kerestes.

Light-heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich refereed the semi final and made a big hit, not only with excellent ring work but with some clever worth-while patter at the loudspeaker. The show grossed $5200.

The second show of the month again featured Henry "Snow" Flake, this time against Colion Chaney of Indianapolis, Ind., who had defeated him on a previous show here. This turned out to be a little bit of everything, including some great excitement in the second round when down from a punch and a shove, Chaney was hit in the small of the back by the overanxious Flake. Chaney, twisting from pain, rolled from the ring onto the floor. Tommy Leeper and seconds were claiming a win, but Referee Eddie Atlas ruled that Chaney should return by the count of twenty or be ruled knocked out.

The commissioners then ruled Chaney had been fouled but gave him a five-minute rest before continuing the bout.

Chaney had Flake down for nine in the first round. The whole fight was confusing. The three officials all voted differently. One judge gave it to Flake, one called it a draw and Atlas called Chaney the winner.

K.O. Morgan, who had made a big hit on the previous show, failed to put in an appearance to tangle with Leo Kelly, Duke O'Hara's fine little featherweight, who was making his pro debut. Bobby Lane of Sharon proved a good substitute until Kelly connected with a beautiful right cross in the third round.

Allen Small, another substitute and in poor condition, lasted four rounds against Jimmy Roberts in a heavyweight go, losing by a T.K.O.

In another heavyweight bout, Jack Louis, Indianapolis youngster, suffered a deep cut over his eye and lost by T.K.O. to Emil Williams of Pittsburgh, Pa. In the opener, Ronnie Delaney was too strong for Doyle Upchurch of Indianapolis and the local boy won easily in four. In a bonus bout, Al King of Cleveland handed Eddie Elton a pasting, winning by a T.K.O. in three rounds.

Joe Basco's club fighter, Rudy Zadell, and Ex-Champion Sammy Angott put on one whale of a fight at Cumberland, Md. Angott received the decision but also received the surprise of his life as the fight was so close it could have gone either way. Angott had a cut eye and a mouse under the other and Zadell also received a damaged optic.

On the same card Freddie Bernhardt fought a draw with Billy Squall of Pittsburgh.

AROUND THE OREGON RINGS

By WOODY WILLIS

BOXING in Oregon is enjoying a rising boom. With ambitious Tex Salkeld as the promoter, fistic followers in both Portland and Salem are seeing bigger and better fights with every show. Such stars as Tony Olivera, Aurel Toma, Jackie Turner, Luis Castillo, Lincoln Stanley, Aaron Joshua, Joey Dolan, Bobby Zander and Al Hostak have appeared in the "City of Roses" during the winter fight campaign. In addition to the outsiders, we have several local mittmen who bear watching. These include heavyweight Joe Kahut, middleweight Jack Snapp, middleweight Bobby Volk and lightweight Chuck Brown. Featherweight Joe Clemo also looms as an outstanding prospect in his division. The month of March was very successful, both from a financial and quality-of-attraction standpoint.

Portland Civic Auditorium—Joltin' Joe Kahut, Woodburn farmer boy, crashed back into the Portland fight picture with a fifth round K.O. win over huge Bobby Zander, 205-pound Los Angeles Negro, in a match that was billed to go 15 rounds for the Pacific coast heavyweight championship. The bout in itself hardly lived up to the advance publicity, but showed that the Woodburn walloper was still in good fighting condition after his long absence from ring warfare.

The fifth round was hardly 30 seconds old when a wide swinging left hook with all of Kahut's 185-pound frame behind it, smashed the cocky Californian to the canvas for the required ten count.

In the 10-round semi-final event of the evening, Joe Clemo, local featherweight favorite, experienced a lesson in ring generalship at the hands of Aaron Joshua, sharp-shooting puncher from Calcutta, India. Joshua received the decision after ten blistering rounds of fast, savage action.

Preliminary bouts, all scheduled over the four-round route, ended as follows: Tony Kahut, 155-pound older brother of Joe, put Billy Davis, 157-pound Portlander, away for keeps in two minutes of the first round. Dave Davey, 192, Tacoma, jabbed his way to an easy victory over Dale Carnegie, 190, Portland. "Tiger" Si Jones, 182, Portland, displayed too much tiger and not enough ring etiquette when he hit Leo Talbet, 178, also of Portland, while the latter was on his knees in the first round. After a general commotion, it was decided that Talbet be given the fight on a foul. In the curtain raiser, Jack Jackley, 126, Portland, decisioned Jerry Strutz, 124, Portland.

A sellout crowd of 4779 paying patrons left $15,406.50 at the gate.

Salem Armory—Joey Ortega, Vanport featherweight, took a decision over Bobby Richards of Portland in a fast ten-rounder. Ortega weighed 129 to 126 for Richards. Tony Kahut, Woodburn, 155, stopped Bruce Miller, Klamath Falls, 155, in the fifth round of a scheduled six-round semi-windup. In the three four-round preliminaries, Lou Ballard, 147, Boise, Idaho, decisioned Billy Davis, 145, Portland; Howard Mendenhall, 151, Salem, knocked out Joe Day, 149, Salem, in two rounds, and Jerry Strutz, 130, Fort Lewis, stopped Jimmy Curry, 127, Portland, in three rounds.

Portland Civic Auditorium—the Annual Oregon State A.A.U. Boxing Tournament produced three rousing nights of simon-pure fistic action. The eight survivors who were crowned "champions" are as follows: Flyweight, Jerry Densen; bantamweight, Melvin Eagleman; featherweight, Arlen Gallaher; lightweight, Verle Baarstad; welterweight, Dick Weldon; middleweight, Sylvester Armstrong; light-heavyweight, Pat Walsh; heavyweight, Chuck Maxson.

Lightweight Champion Verle Baarstad was awarded the John Colon memorial trophy annually given to the tournament's outstanding performer.

Portland Civic Auditorium—A Louis-Walcott decision was unfolded at the conclusion of the feature ten-rounder between Jack (Ginger) Snapp, Oregon middleweight champion, and Al Hostak, former two-time holder of the world middleweight crown. Snapp took the verdict on the strength of Judges Bobby Grayson and Tom Prideaux, while Referee Ralph Gruman cast his ballot for the Seattle ex-champion. Both the Oregonian and the Oregon *Journal* gave the bout to Hostak. The match in itself was fairly tame, but Hostak's punches were more accurate and carried more authority. Snapp weighed 162½ to 165¼ for Hostak.

Chuck Brown, Portland lightweight sensation, scored a K.O. win over Boykin Bourgeois in an eight-rounder. The Haiti clouter was unable to answer the bell for the third round.

Supporting four-round bouts ended as follows: "Tiger" Si Jones, Portland heavyweight, decisioned Pete Smith, Seattle; Featherweights Jerry Strutz and Jimmy Jackley fought to a draw; Lou Ballard, 147, Boise, Idaho, decisioned Mickey McCoy, 156, Vanport; Howard Mendenhall, 151, Salem, K.O.'ed Pat Harrington, 150, Seattle, in two rounds. 3754 paying spectators contributed to a gross gate of $11,491.

Salem Armory—Chuck Brown, 139, K.O.'ed George Mazi, 141, Vancouver, B. C., with a hard right to the solar plexus in 2:20 of the second round.

Johnny O'Day, 156, Portland, gave Tony Kahut the first loss of his comeback campaign when the Woodburn puncher was unable to come out for round three of a scheduled six-rounder. Dean Abney, 148, Salem, took a four-round decision over Lou Ballard, 147, Boise, Idaho; Cal Robinson, 129, Seattle, K.O.'ed Jimmy Jackley, 128, Portland, in 53 seconds of the first round. Howard Mendenhall, 148, Salem, K. O.'ed Billy Davis, 148, Portland, in 1:03 of the opening frame.

Many amateur ring shows were staged in the various Oregon localities during the month of March.

Scholastic "smokers" have just recently become popular with top mittmen from such high schools as Grant, Jefferson, Central Catholic, and Benson Polytechnic appearing on the cards. The University of Portland Monogram Club recently sponsored a very successful "smoker."

Portland fight fans are proud of the good fortune of young Dick Wagner, local light-heavyweight, who is making the grade as a top pugilist among the smaller clubs of New York. He earned a semi-final spot on the Cerdan-Roach card in the Garden, but lost a close six-round decision to Jesse Jenkins of Monticello, New York. On March 23, in a main attraction at the Park Arena in New York, Dick stopped Rudie Richardson of Brooklyn in 2:50 of the sixth round.

Chuck (Kid) Brown, Portland lightweight, improves with each bout and may soon find himself ranking with Joe Kahut and Jack Snapp as a box-office attraction.

Jack Snapp, Klamath Falls clouter, is being trained by canny Frankie Klick, ex-junior welterweight champion.

Jimmy Maloney, veteran heavyweight of the early 20's, refereed one of the supporting bouts on the Snapp-Hostak card. Old-time fight fans will remember his bouts with Primo Carnera, Jack Sharkey and other leading men of his day's division. The Boston heavyweight is making Portland his home.

Mayor Riley re-appointed all five members of the Portland boxing commission to another full year's term. The members are Fred N. Bay, chairman; Al Greenwalt, Joseph De Boest, Dr. J. Otto George and Ray Gossett.

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LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

"HURRICANE" HAL MEREDITH, welter, from down South, and Buddy Holderfield, Little Rock welter, were highly impressive in their performances here.

Jackie Wilson, Quincy welter, Steve Marcello, local lightweight, and Dick Callahan, Boston middleweight, are youngsters with excellent records. Wilson, twice N. E. lightweight champion, has scored ten consecutive knockouts and is the toast of New England fight fans. George Freeman, veteran boxing promoter and matchmaker, is managing Wilson.

Jackie Lovatt, "The Rhody Rocket," resumed activity and pounded out a one-sided verdict over Jerry Coursol.

Anthony (Tony) Petronella is the top choice to replace Edward C. Foster as R. I. boxing commissioner on May 1st. Mr. Foster is retiring after serving twenty-two years. Petronella is a former RING correspondent from Rhode Island.

Joey Angelo, local lightweight, will shortly take on a new manager, this one for life. Good luck to you and the missus.

Results of the month:

R. I. Auditorium:

Buddy Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark., beat Dave Andrews, Lowell, Mass., in ten.

Lucky Jordan, Providence, stopped Walter Stevens, Newark, in six.

"Hurricane" Hal Meredith, Macon, Ga., suffered a cut eye in the eighth and Referee Billy Lynch stopped his fight with Frankie Abrams, Detroit, Michigan. All are welters.

At R. I. Auditorium:

Johnny Larusso, New York, beat Al Smith, Roxbury, Mass., in ten.

George Ross, Boston, beat Frankie Cardino, Montreal, Can., in ten.

Eddie Soares, Providence, beat Joe Reddick, Newark, in ten.

At R. I. Auditorium:

Buddy Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark., beat Tony Falco, Hartford, in ten.

Ruby Margolin, Montreal, Can., beat Lucky Jordan, Providence, in eight.

Jackie Wilson, Quincy, stopped Eddie York, Boston, in three. Steve Marcello, Providence, beat Danny Butler, Hartford, in four.

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NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY

By AL GREENBERG

UNDER the auspices of the Winnipeg Sportsman's Club, the Winnipeg city amateur boxing championships were staged before 3000 fans at the Civic Auditorium. The following were crowned champs of their respective divisions:

Heavyweight, Eddy Medinski; light-heavyweight, Ed Zastre; middleweight, Billy Pinkus; welterweight, Steve Legge; lightweight, Corky Corrigan; featherweight, Franky White; bantamweight, Johnny Pelland; flyweight, Ron White.

Alex Turk, Winnipeg fight promoter, expects shortly to stage a pro card. This will be Winnipeg's first all pro card since 1939.

Gordie Mackie, Winnipeg welter, who compiled a good record around Montreal last winter, plans on a Chicago campaign.

Tony Roberts, veteran Winnipeg feather, has shown old-time form in the gym.

Al Slater, Western Canada featherweight champ, is hot on the trail of Canadian champ Arthur King.

Mickey Shane, former Winnipeg boxer, has two good prospects under his wing in Chick Livingstone and Eddy Roberts.

Earl Kilani, Vancouver fight manager, has a good crowd-pleasing performer in Charlie O'Kelly.

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RING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

GEORGIE DUKE, 159¾, of Petaluma, California, had things pretty much his own way as he gained an easy 8 round decision over Sailor Ike Patton, 158¾, who only three weeks previously had lost to Bob Castro, for the first defeat of his boxing career.

Promoted by Leo Leavitt the fight, held at the Civic Auditorium on March 3rd, drew 3416 customers for a gross gate of $7,415.25.

Other results: Philip Kim, 142¾, knocked out Ray Camacho, 141¾, in the first round. Welter George Tanabe won via TKO over Young Bolo III in the third of a 4 round scrap. Richard Silva, 132, outlasted Ken Maeshiro, 135½, to cop a close one, 4 rounds. Arthur Frank, 132, KO'ed Art Stanton, 131½, in the first of the 4 round opener.

Chung Bok Soo, 138½, of Korea made short work of Kid Vicente, 139, of Manila by registering a second round kayo win in one-half of the double main event card held at the Civic Auditorium on March 9th.

The fight started off with Vicente winning the first round by virtue of a couple of good rights but he made the mistake of butting the Korean battler at the beginning of the second canto. This infuriated Chung Bok Soo no end and as he charged into his opponent, he started hooking his left like a wild man. Two or three of these blows landed exactly right and Vicente was counted out.

Tommy Blondin, middleweight, pounded out an 8 rounds decision over infighter George Evans, who lost no less than five points on foul blows and who should have been disqualified much sooner. But for these penalties and his reluctance to use his right except for holding, Evans could have given a good account of himself.

A crowd of 3181 people paid $5465.50 to witness this Augie Curtis and Al Lang show.

Other results: Billy James, 138½, essaying a comeback, won an unimpressive decision over aging Battling Leno, 137¼, 6 rounds.

Willie Caesar, 131½, beat William Candido, 130¼, 4 rounds.

Mamoru Hirota, 127, had no trouble gaining the verdict over Rusty Ferguson, 132½, 4 rounds.

Robert Takeshita, 138, undefeated lightweight star, had no trouble keeping his unblemished record intact when he decisively whipped Baby Garcia, 135, of Manila, to gain a unanimous 8 round decision at the Civic Auditorium.

Even from the very first round when Ripper Robert connected with some telling rights and lefts, there was no question in the minds of the 3806 customers who paid $6,608.50 to witness the Leo Leavitt promoted show that the Nisei battler was the better fighter. He outpunched, outmaneuvered and outboxed his slower but tough opponent and kept it up for the full route. Only Garcia's ruggedness saved him from being knocked out.

Other results: Johnny Ledesma, 140, making a comeback, decisioned Battling Leno, 141, 6 rounds. Richard Silva, 133½, beat Freddy Sylvano, 131¼, 5 rounds. Mamoru Hirota, 126¾, copped a close one over Arthur Frank, 132½, in 4. In the 4 round opener Abe Konaaihele, 135¼, defeated Willie Maglinti, 137.

Frankie Fernandez is simply too good for the fighters the local promoters have been sending against him. That is the opinion expressed by most of the 8,666 fans who saw Fierce Frankie take a one sided 10 round decision over Roman Alvarez of New York in the main event of an outdoor card held at the Honolulu Stadium. Frankie Fernandez at 143¾ was too strong and tough for Roman Alvarez, 143.

Throughout the 10 heats Alvarez tried hard enough, managed to land two or three straight rights which didn't faze Frankie at all. The rest of the time he was busy defending himself trying to avert a knockout. Tough as he was, Alvarez was floored twice, in the first and fifth rounds and managed to stay the full route only because Frankie slowed down considerably in the last few rounds.

The hardest punch of the fight landed flush on Alvarez's jaw in the fifth round. It lifted him off the floor and as he fell with a sickening thud, everybody thought the fight was over.

However Alvarez surprised everybody by getting up in ample time and even made a feeble attempt at fighting back.

The fight was promoted by Augie Curtis and Al Land and grossed $19,947.25.

Other results: Chung Bok Soo, 138, won a questionable decision over Darnell Carter, 136½, in the 8 round semi-final.

Chuck Curetan, 140, TKO'ed Walter Kahookele, 140½, in the third of four. Willie Brown, 112½, won again over Tommy Yamaoka, 115¾, in 4. Ray Chang, 127¾, was held to a draw by Placido Torres, 130, in 4. Marce Totor, 118½, won over Tiger Rosa, 117¾, in 4 rounds.

BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

MIGUEL ACEVEDO, Cuba's featherweight king, outpointed Orlando Zulueta, also of Cuba, in a twelve round contest full of thrills. A few weeks ago these sterling fighters fought to a draw decision, but this time Acevedo left no doubt as to his superiority and the rightful possessor to the featherweight crown, although the bout was a non-title affair, as Acevedo weighed 132½, and Zulueta 129¾.

Wilfredo Mayet, in the semi-final of eight rounds, was an easy winner over Julian Varona, who supplied plenty of opposition. Tomas Vega scored a technical knockout over Miguel Cairo in the fourth round. Emilio Figueros won from Gerardo Veloz in four, and Julio Maceo easily beat Victor Suarez in the curtain raiser.

Diego Sosa, and Lino Garcia, both of championship calibre, fought a twelve round elimination bout to decide an opponent for the featherweight champion. Diego Sosa emerged the victor by a good margin, and proved his right for a crack at the title now held by Miguel Acevedo. These boys put up a whale of a scrap. The weights —Lino Garcia 125¾ and Diego Sosa 124¾.

Bonbon Oriental, in another star bout on the same card, won by the knockout route over the Peruvian Roberto Carrillo in the fourth canto. The Cuban Bonbon was just too good for Carrillo, and the referee halted hostilities to avoid severe punishment to Carrillo, who had received plenty already.

Mario Vinnent, Oriente Province, Cuba, drew with Joe Molina, one of Cuba's mitt slingers who knows his business. Vinnent forced the fight, and a draw decision was well met by the huge crowd. Cecilio Valdes gained the judges' nod over Enrique Ibanez in the opening contest.

Babe Coullimber, Cuba's welterweight champion, defended his title successfully by easily whipping Julio Pedroso. Coullimber floored his man three times in the tenth round and the fans went wild yelling for a knockout. But Pedroso is a game tough hombre and weathered the storm. Coullimber appeared to be in fine shape, and looked as if he could whip any man his weight that night. Weights—Coullimber 146½, and Pedroso 143¼.

Bonbon Oriental again appeared in the semi-windup, putting the skids under Miguel Mendivil in the seventh round. The Oriental Bonbon is one of Cuba's fast rising youngsters and should be heard of soon. Damaso Collazo won by the K.O. route from Eduardo Carrasco in the third canto. Pigus Sanchez also scored a technical kayo over Carlos Sanchez in the fifth round; and Armando Herrera was the winner over Peter Jones in the four round curtain raiser.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS
By CHESTER NORTON

THE opening show for 1948 was successfully put forth, bringing together two gamecocks, both from Vancouver. It was the rubber match of the Jackie Turner-Kenny Lindsay series and decided absolutely nothing. After ten rounds of furious fighting, the fighters were as close together as Siamese twins. Jumping Jackie fought against a double disadvantage, giving away 7½ pounds, and also spotting Lindsay one good eye. Turner's left optic was cut early in the first round and caused him considerable trouble for the remainder of the battle. Round four was taken away from both boys for butting. This definitely cost one of them the fight. Lindsay employed his usual aggressive boring-in style and although Jackie was punching much sharper, one just offset the other. The boys utilized every punch in the book but neither possesses enough potent hitting power to do much damage.

The semi final turned out to be a slow moving affair. Eddie Helm and Al Davis fought for six rounds with little action and this was also termed a draw.

The fight which should have been in the semi-windup slot was a classy affair, with Paul Cook showing too much ring-savvy for Jackie Arden to cope with. Cook was returned the winner in a six-round decision.

A third six-round decision went to George Mazurenko over Red Garrison. Neither boy showed very much in the way of ability. Joe Trudea defeated Tony Algretto in the four-round opener.

Hal Robbins journeyed all the way to Oakland, California, only to lose a four-round decision to Louis Jordan of Oakland.

Another fighter from Vancouver who travelled far from home to taste defeat was Phil Palmer. He was K.O.'ed in ten rounds by Vince Foster of Omaha in the Nebraska city.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By SOL C. MALOON

DURBAN—At the Beach Tennis Courts, Ken Shaw, the Scottish heavyweight champion, surprised followers of boxing form by outpointing Australian Alf Gallagher in ten rounds. Shaw's powerful punching, especially his right cross, was the deciding factor of the match while Gallagher, always an intelligent fighter, showed superior ringcraft and cleverer defensive tactics.

Prelims—Middleweights: Evvie Ehlers outpointed Freddie Vorste in the eight round eliminator for the S.A. title. This was a very poor fight as both boys are capable of far better performances. . . . H. Roberts TKO'ed D. R. Searle in the second. . . . Vigorous Abe Mulder outpointed Phil Nel in six. . . . Welters: Piet van Staden TKO'ed Fred Storbeck.

Johannesburg—Balfour Park Stadium made its debut as a boxing venue when the Transvaal National Sporting Club promoted a "double topliner" tourney. In what was billed as an eliminating bout for Freddie Mills' Empire Cruiserweight title, Nick Wolmarans, 184, drew with Alf Gallagher, 176½, in ten rounds. A moment after the first round began, there was a flurry of blows and Gallagher emerged with a cut eye. Although, in the doctor's opinion, this damage did not warrant Gallagher retiring, there is no doubt that this nasty cut handicapped the Australian for the remainder of the bout. Wolmarans was the more aggressive and his awkward tactics puzzled Gallagher who seemed unable to find the range in the early stages of the fight. From the sixth round on he found the combination and rocked the stocky Nick, with straight lefts and right hooks. However, Wolmarans was not to be put aside so lightly and kept tearing in but Gallagher boxed very coolly and scored nicely. The fight ended on this note and the decision.

The second topliner was a ten round bout between the chunky welterweight champion of Finland, Sten Suvio, 145¼, and S.A. welterweight king, Alf James, 143½. James took the first four rounds by a fairly comfortable margin, scoring with fast punches with either hand. Alf's blows, however, had little effect on the powerful Finn who seemed intent on landing a knockout. From the fifth round onwards the Finn improved and punched damagingly but James' snappy footwork kept him out of trouble and he was given the decision.

Prelims: Bill Wood, 186, drew with Barney Collins, 201, in four rounds. . . . In a slugging six rounder, Young Rosella, 156, outpointed Gillie van der Westhuizen, 154½. . . . Willie Smith, 170, had to retire at the end of the fourth round with a cut eye in his 6 round bout with Freddie Vorster, 164, who, accordingly, was given the decision.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By JACK LEVINSON

TWO shows were presented last month by the Magic City Athletic Club at the Legion Auditorium in Roanoke. The results of matchmaker Buck Sweeney's two cards were as follows:

In a rather tame 8 round feature, Bill Thompson, 195, Charlotte, N. C., won the decision over Guard Wyatt, 218, of Union, S. C.

Lou Yonkers, 115, of Roanoke, scored a K.O. over Eddie Sizemore, 118, Miami, Fla., in four. This action-filled bout supplied more than any of the card. Bill Fowler, 195, Roanoke, K.O.'ed Sammy Clifton, 185, Danville, Va., in the 1st round. Joe Casey, 137, Rocky Mount, N. C., won the duke over Lee Mack, 135, Roanoke, Va., in six. Allen Elkins, 135, Roanoke, Va., won a 3 round K.O. over Charley Lucado, 134, Roanoke.

Lonnie (Bulldog) Rutherford, 157, Roanoke, chalked up an 8 round K.O. over Howard Faulkiner, 155, Moundsville, W. Va. In the 8 round semi, Lou Yonkers, 115, Covington, W. Va., and Jimmy Jenette, 117, Washington, D. C., staged a sensational draw. Arthur DeHaven, 160, Roanoke, decisioned Lloyd Beane, 160, Roanoke, in a 4 rounder. Dave Saunders, 205, Roanoke, K.O.'ed Al Williams, 190, Wake Forrest, N. C., in the 1st round. Don and Dale Deane, sons of Referee Deane, boxed a 4 round exhibition.

By the time this column goes to press the Empire Sports Corporation with Ezra Summers in the matchmaker's role, will have presented its last card to the Norfolk fans.

Eddie Hardy, 170, amateur Navy star, looms as the best prospect in these parts. The promising Negro light-heavyweight has a record of 20 wins in 23 bouts. Incidentally, Hardy reversed the three losses. He intends invading the pro ranks after the all-Navy tournament, with Chief Joe Rapel acting as his trainer and manager.

For information regarding these parts, send a self-addressed return envelope to: Jack Levinson, 128 W. 10th Street, Norfolk, Va.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

A CROWD of 11,904 fans saw Sugar Ray Robinson, world's welterweight champion, score a smashing victory over Henry Brimm, game and willing Buffalo youngster, in ten hard-fought rounds at Buffalo. Robinson won seven rounds, two went to Brimm and one was even. It was Robinson all the way but due credit must go to Brimm who fought gamely. Robinson weighed 152½; Brimm, 157½.

In other bouts Pete Zaduk, Toronto sensation weighing 155½, beat Joe Lazano, 160½, Detroit, in six; Johnny Chatmon, 143, decisioned Teddy Murray, 143½, New York (6); Frankie BiFulco, 128½, Buffalo, knocked out Jimmy Evans, 137½, Syracuse, 1. Jerry Fleming, 153½, triumphed over Rolin Streety, 153, Cleveland (4).

Phil Muscato and his manager, Guy T. Sulpi, have buried the hatchet and agreed to continue in business together.

Jack Singer, Hudson club promoter, has been ill for six weeks but is around again and O.K.; Bert Finch, known to his intimates as "Uncle," was also ill for three weeks but he, too, is well again.

Allen Faulkner scored a sensational victory over Eddie O'Neill of Detroit in ten fast rounds. Faulkner may appear sleepy looking but there's nothing tired about his right hand, which is fast and accurate. He's improving with every fight.

Joe Muscato took the measure of Enrique Felpi, 207-pound South American, in the star bout of the Hudson club's show. The officials unanimously voted Muscato the award. In other bouts on the same card Prentiss Hall, 170, outboxed Jimmy Roberts, 172½, six rounds; Pete Zaduk, Toronto, 160½, fought a draw with Rudy Turner, 163½, six rounds. Your correspondent agrees with Judge Anse Carroll that Zaduk had the edge. Vic Eisen, Buffalo bantamweight champion, 119½, TKO'ed Dick Armstrong, 123¼, in 4. Eli Hall, 160, K.O.'ed Joe Quarts, 158, New York, first round.

Give Deputy Commissioner Harold (Butch) Lauster credit for the even-up bouts current in Buffalo. Mr. Lauster has put the quietus on one-sided matches and insists that the boxing law be lived up to the letter.

Dr. Louis A. Kaiser, examining physician for the boxing commission, will not, under any conditions, pass a fighter who is physically unfit.

Manager Guy Sulpi has appointed the able Mike Scanlon as trainer for the fighting Muscato brothers, Phil and Joe. Scanlon knows his business and is a splendid conditioner. He formerly trained Henry Brimm and Joey De John. Al Rogers, another good trainer, is also affiliated with the Muscatos.

Tommy Stenhouse, a steady winner down state, recently boxed a draw with Ray Lewis, the Hawaiian, at Binghamton.

Marty Monforte, Bert Finch's young heavyweight may get a main event in his home town of Binghamton, soon. Marty looks very promising.

PRESS ROW . . . Harry Keck, sports editor of the Pittsburgh *Sun-Telegraph*, was here for the Robinson-Brimm fracas . . . . Jimmy Thompson, popular young sports announcer, is making good.

WRESTLING . . . Ed Don George has been packing 'em in for the Up-State Athletic Club. . . . The big drawing cards here are Frank Sexton, Bob Wagner, Hi Lee, the Cardiff Giant, Lou Thiez, and other giants of the mat. . . . George will continue to run every Friday night until mid-June. . . . He will also book wrestlers in other cities throughout the spring and summer.

Jack Herman, veteran promoter, is now vacationing in Florida. . . . Jack will be back in mid-April. . . . Joey De John had his hands full in winning from Mickey Savage recently at Syracuse. . . . Manager Joe Netro has appointed Frankie Domino as trainer for De John. . . . Domino also trains Henry Brimm. . . . Ike Klipfel, veteran timekeeper, is regaining his health. His many friends will be glad to hear of this.

Rumor has it that a new boxing club may open in Tonawanda and another in nearly Lackawanna. . . . These would have to be open air clubs as neither of the above-mentioned cities has a suitable indoor arena.

Harold Jones, a left-handed lightweight from Detroit, dropped for an eight-count in the first round and jarred several times thereafter, rallied to punch out a unanimous ten-round decision over Tommy Stenhouse, Buffalo schoolboy, in the Coliseum Tuesday night. Jones, a crafty southpaw, received seven of the ten rounds on the officials' voting sheets. It was Stenhouse's third defeat in 33 pro bouts.

Johnny (Spider) Thompson, Buffalo lad, won the Golden Gloves finals in New York. The youngster bears watching.

A great opportunity awaits good boxers in Buffalo, especially young heavyweights who can punch. Unattached boxers who would like to make a good connection should write Hugh Shannon, 299 Maple St., Buffalo 4, N. Y. With gates as high as $20,000 Buffalo is one of the best fight towns in the nation.

FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO
By ED HACKLEY

BESIDES the Harris-Robinson show (reported in last month's RING, as it was held the first week of the month) March offered Toledo fight fans two more events, one amateur classic in the Ohio Assn. A.A.U. qualifier and in the professional field another showing of a name fighter in the new Sports Arena.

The Toledo Sports Club showed Tony Zale in action against Lou Woods of Detroit in the top bout. It went three rounds and was about as satisfactory as could have been expected.

The undercard featured Perry Mason in his long awaited shot against Eddie O'Neil, and the Toledoan won going away. Perry built up a big lead in the first six rounds of their eight rounder, and it was enough to stave off a rally that O'Neil staged for the last two rounds. O'Neil dropped Mason for no count in the last session, and rocked him several times in the last two cantos, but could not score enough points to offset that early lead. It was a good, clean, fast fight.

A Birskovich who had seen better days was stopped by Eddie Miller, of Dayton, in the chief six round prelim. Birskovich showed nothing but courage, and was stopped in the fifth. A bright prospect two years ago, Mike Birskovich now appears to be done, and should quit before he is injured. To all outward appearances he is still mentally and physically healthy but he has definitely lost that something that makes a fighter click. It was rumored after the fight that his manager had ordered him to retire.

The other three prelims showed very mediocre fighters. Bernard Humphries beat Earl Butler in the crowd-pleasing four, and Petey Graham, Detroit light-heavy, beat Tiger Jack Biddle, of Pittsburgh, in six, and Chuck Ross, Kalamazoo, beat Van Kirk, of Bowling Green, in four. Ross and Kirk are middleweights.

In the state A.A.U. qualifier, Toledo's hopes for a national champion suffered severe setbacks when Lowry and Jack Baker were eliminated. The only local survivor of the Toledo team at the end of two days of battling was the steadily improving Charley Cotton, Toledo welter, who went through the tournament by kayoing his opponents. Pat Lowry, regarded as the outstanding local boy, stepped up into the lightweight class to his sorrow, for Wallace Smith of Cincinnati proved too much for the Toledo lad. Smith was easily the outstanding boy in the tournament, although little Bill Anderson of Columbus gave him a scare in a semi-final bout. Jack Baker, Toledo middleweight, who was good enough for the Chicago G.G. inter-city team was outboxed and outfoxed by Joe Jarman of Springfield for the title in that division.

Besides Smith, Jarman, and Cotton, champions are: Flyweight—Rufus Holliday, Cincinnati; Bantam—Darrell Ladd, Dayton; Featherweight—William Tate, Dover; Light-heavy—Frazier Moore, Springfield; Heavy—John Vinegar, Springfield.

Walt Evans won three at the Fairview Gardens in Detroit, beating Walter Vincent and Young Harry Greb in sixes, and Johnny Craigmiles in eight. Jesse Bradshaw, Toledo, 155 pounder, lost to Tommy Borne in four at the same place. Larry Moreland, Toledo lightweight, lost to Jay Watkins of Flint in a six at Saginaw.

Any information about Toledo fighters and the local fight game may be obtained by contacting the writer at 71 Brand Whitlock, Toledo.

UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING
By CARL E. HAYDEN

LON LOTT, Mud Lake, has succeeded Joe Parker, Idaho Falls, as Idaho state athletic commissioner in the eastern Idaho district. Mr. Parker, a former boxing and wrestling promoter, resigned.

Cliff Thiede, who promotes weekly boxing and wrestling cards at Idaho Falls, Ida., is sponsoring a move to construct a $500,000 sports center in the city. His cards have been attracting more spectators than the armory, a large municipally owned building, will hold. Thiede, a former Californian and former college football star, suggests city and county cooperation be supplemented by funds from public subscription to finance the structure.

Title results in the Intermountain AAU boxing tournament which concluded March 24 in the Fairgrounds Coliseum in Salt Lake City, Utah, were:

Senior division: 147 pounds, Darrell Josie decisioned Henry Ju; 160, Frank Ronkovitch decisioned Lyle Taylor; heavyweight, Jay Lambert kayoed Kenneth Bennion; 135, Gene Fullmer decisioned Van Le Pore.

Junior division: 112, Leo Butcher decisioned Tino Sandovall; 118, Toy Atwood decisioned Alex Leon; 126, Nash Solorio decisioned Ronald Smith; 147, Cliff Tillman decisioned Don Picard; 160, Jack Josie decisioned Vernon Unive.

Novice division: 112, Jim Morley won by forfeit from Ralph Bankhead; 118, Don Cullen decisioned Robert Bridgewater; 126, Carl Garcia kayoed Henry Washington; 135, Corky Nichols decisioned Alonzo Vom Baur; 147, Conrad Carter kayoed Bud Taylor; 160, Bill Page won by forfeit from Dick Wilkins; 175, John Brunetti kayoed Dennis Worthen.

Uncontested: novice heavyweight, Mack Olson; junior lightweight, Don Le Pore; junior light-heavyweight, Sonny Shoenfeldt; junior heavyweight, Tim Kimball; senior, 112, LeRoy Jefferson; senior 175, Floyd Richardson.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

THE writer's new gymnasium in downtown Tacoma is now in operation. The new setup is probably the largest and cleanest for boxing in the West.

Minor Stuart, Aberdeen businessman, is planning to resume professional fight cards in the Grays Harbor city soon.

Yakima, Washington, after several years absence from professional boxing, staged their first ring card recently showing Leo Turner, shopworn Negro light-heavy, against lanky Fred Wallace. Turner won in eight rounds over Fred in the top mill.

In Vancouver, B.C., Promoter Gil Martin drew a large crowd showing Kenny Lindsey vs. Jackie Turner. These two little gamecocks went to even terms.

Irish Jimmy Maloney, of Boston, former heavyweight contender, now a Portland, Oregon, businessman, refereed a recent Tacoma fight card.

Virgil Larson and "PeeWee" Dick Reed are a couple of young Tacoma amateur kids coming along nicely.

Davey Ward, former Tacoma welterweight, is rapidly shaping into one of the Northwest's best fight referees.

Big Bill Little, six feet seven, weighing 230 pounds, has donned his ring togs once more. Frankie Britt, Tacoma featherweight favorite 25 years ago, is now training Big Bill.

Frisco McGale, veteran Seattle Negro fight trainer, is one of the very few around the Pacific Northwest who knows what the ring sport is all about.

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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN B. SHARPE

THE controversy over the rightful holder of the world flyweight championship finally was settled when the rival disputants, Rinty Monaghan of Ireland and Jackie Paterson of Scotland, clashed in Belfast.

The Crooning Irishman won by a knockout in the seventh, and justified THE RING's contention that he should have been recognized as champion when he defeated Dado Marino in London last July 16.

As was generally expected, Paterson had difficulty making the class limit, 112 pounds. The veteran Scot came in four ounces under the mark, and obviously had weakened himself by the ordeal. Monaghan, a natural flyweight, looked strong at 110¾.

Paterson displayed none of his one-time speed or punching prowess, and fought strictly on the defensive from the start. For six rounds, it was a dull affair, but Monaghan finally caught up to Paterson in the seventh, and dropped him for a nine count with a stunning right to the chin. Jackie arose unsteadily, and Rinty lost no time in putting over the finisher. He tore into Paterson with a two-fisted attack that sent the Scot slumping to a sitting position on the canvas, where he was counted out.

It was the second time in modern ring annals that an Irishman had won a world championship on native soil. Just a quarter of a century before—on St. Patrick's Day, 1923—Mike McTigue wrested the light-heavyweight laurels from Battling Siki in Dublin.

Bert Hyland, Ireland, threw away his chance of victory when he was well ahead on points against Joe Fanes, Hull. In the 7th round he threw his opponent to the ground, and the referee disqualified him for infringing the rules of boxing. These middleweights fought at Leyton.

Al Robinson, Leeds, knew too much for the Irish heavyweight, Gerry McDermott, and the referee rightly intervened at the end of the 5th round.

Tommy Burns, Stockton, 125, outpointed Black Bond, Jamaica, 124 pounds, over 10 rounds at Blackpool. Over 8 rounds Ray Fitton, Manchester, 128, outpointed Terry Riley, Liverpool, 128½.

Ron Cooper, Wales, 161, caused a mild surprise when he outpointed Bert Hyland, Ireland, 159, over 8 rounds at Leyton. Reg Andrews, Deal, 182, gave a boxing lesson to Gerry McDermott, Ireland, 180, over 8 rounds.

Jackie Sutton, Cardiff, smartly outpointed Wally Basquille, Co. Mayo, in an 8 round bantamweight contest at Walsall.

Jim Wellard, Northampton, 148, made short work of Norman Twigger, Coventry, 150, when Twigger was put down and out in the first round at Northampton. Jeff Tite, Spratton, 146, added another K.O. to his long list of wins when he put paid to Bob Barlow, Belper, 144, via the K.O. route in the 3rd round.

Ric Sanders, the Leicester southpaw welterweight, travelled to Rotterdam to meet Jan de Bruin over 8 rounds and after a thrilling contest Bruin won on points.

Jimmy Webster, Southern Area bantamweight champion, 119¼, scored a K.O. win over Jimmy Green of Warrington, 121, in the third round at West Ham.

Billy Hall, Bournemouth, 153¾, outpointed Glan Pittman, Wales, 154, over 8 rounds. Harry Legge, Bournemouth, 135¼, gained a points win over Jackie Evans, Doncaster, 138, after 8 rounds.

Johnny Pitt, Blackpool, 154, won on points over Tommy Harlow, Derby, 156, after 8 rounds at Watford.

Danny Sullivan, Finsbury Park, 118½, stopped Les Jones, Wales, 118¾, in the sixth round when the referee intervened in his favor at Kings Cross.

Alby Hollister, Islington, 160½, K.O.'ed Billy Kelly, Scotland, 160, in the third round at Kentish Town. Matt Hardy, Doncaster, 184, K.O.'ed Douglas Richards, Wales, 178, in the 1st round.

Tommy Shaw, Plymouth, 134½, won the Southwestern Area lightweight title when he outpointed Roy Coote, Falmouth, 131½, over 12 rounds at Plymouth.

George Pook, Torquay, 127 pounds, Southwestern Area featherweight champion, had to fight hard all the way to win on points over 8 rounds against Leo Harris of Plymouth, 127½.

Benny Price, Ammanford, forced Ken Curvis, Swansea, to retire at the end of the 5th round with a bad cut mouth, at Pontardawe.

Alf Taylor, Warrington, 142, was a good points winner over Rugger North, Barnsley, 142, at Blackpool, in an eliminating welterweight contest for the Northern Central Area title.

Dickie O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, 114, stopped Andy McCulloch, Glasgow, 114, in the 6th round at Grimsby, when the referee intervened in his favor.

Over in Belfast, Jim Warnock, Belfast, 113, was forced to retire with a cut forehead after a clash of heads in the 5th round when he fought Billy Hazelgrove, Brighton. Tommy Armour, Belfast, had to fight hard to outpoint Gordon Ashun, Bootle, over 8 rounds.

Jock Bonas, Rotherham, outpointed the Negro Jamaican featherweight, Black Bond, over 8 rounds at Kings Cross. Jim Hockley, Islington, stopped Tommy Harlow, Derby, in the 5th round when the latter received a bad cut eye.

Ron Grogan, Paddington, 156, outpointed Jimmy Davis, Bethnal Green, 162 pounds, over 8 rounds at West Ham. Frank Spalton, Fulham, 145, again defeated Stan Davis, Walworth, 142½, over 8 rounds. Ollie Williams, the young West Ham middleweight, gained a smart win at the expense of Dave Shade, Hull, when the latter was forced to retire owing to a badly cut eye.

Frank Kenny, featherweight champion of Scotland, proved too good for Hal Crosbie, York, at Perth, and the latter retired in the fifth round.

Jake Kilrain, Glasgow, made a welcome reappearance in a Scottish ring with an easy victory over Johnny McKenna, New Zealand, who was forced to retire at the end of the 1st round with a badly split lip, which was due to the hard hitting left hooks that Kilrain had sent in during the three minutes of boxing at Dunfermline.

Harry Davis, Bethnal Green, 154½, and Bob Cleaver, Borough, 155½, boxed a draw at Bermondsey after 8 rounds. Billy Lee, Islington, 137½, stopped George Simmons, Bermondsey, 135½, in the seventh round of a very interesting bout, when the latter had his ear damaged from right hand punches. Bob Reeve, Plaistow, 154 (son of Harry Reeve, ex-cruiserweight champion), made short work of his opponent, Frank Johnson, Islington, 158½, when he scored a K.O. in the 1st round. Micky Duff, Aldgate, 140½, outpointed Frankie Jackson, Hull, 140, over 8 rounds.

Charlie Brown, Jamaica, 197 pounds, and sparring partner to Joe Louis in the latter's English exhibition show, knocked out Charlie Collett, Hemel Hempstead, 204, in the 1st round at Welwyn Garden City.

Micky Thompson, 149, Eastern Area welterweight champion, defeated Billy Coulolias, New Zealand, 151, in the fifth round, when the latter retired, after being on the receiving end throughout at Ipswich.

Charlie Kerr, Glasgow, 122, outpointed Con Bailey, York, 123 pounds, over 8 rounds at Glasgow.

Tommy Barnham, Fulham, 135, one of Billy Thompson's chief challengers for the latter's lightweight title, gained a good win over Ernie Thompson, Nuneaton, 135, after 8 rounds at Paddington. Jeff Tite, Northampton, 142, won over Kenny Green, Croydon, 138, in the 4th round, when the referee intervened.

Jackie Bryce, Scottish flyweight champion, knocked out Billy Davies, flyweight champion of Wales, in the 5th round at Smethwick. Hal Bagwell, Gloucester, outpointed Len Davies, Wales, over 8 rounds. Johnny Williams, Rugby, forced Syd Falconer, Stepney, to retire at the end of the 3rd round. Billy Carroll, Doncaster, outpointed Geoff Heath, Worcester, over 8 rounds.

Bert Jackson, Fleetwood, 126, outpointed Black Bond, Jamaica, 127 pounds, over 10 rounds at the Stadium, Liverpool. Jimmy Bray, Liverpool, 160, won on points over Jacky Jones, Bolton, 160 pounds, over 8 rounds.

Johnny Boom, Stratford, 122 pounds, gained a well-earned points win over Kid Tanner, British Guiana, 123 pounds, in the feature bout over 8 rounds at Poplar.

Jack Solomons was rewarded with a capacity crowd at the Harringay Arena to witness his all-star card of young hopefuls. He brought a new method in presenting his program by staging them in order of weights.

Terry Allen, Islington, 112, and Dickie O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, 111 and 14 ounces, were the first to appear in their scheduled 12 round contest for the Southern Area flyweight championship. This was a bout that was eagerly looked forward to, as both have a large following and an exciting battle was predicted.

The first round with Allen the faster of the two, scored with a rapidity of accurate punches to head and body, which obviously nonplussed his opponent, who fighting on dour lines caught Allen with his left hooks, but not sufficient to slow his rival down. Allen was all action and darted in and out with blows to O'Sullivan's head and body, and he never missed an opportunity to mix it with his heavier hitting opponent. O'Sullivan shot a left hook to Allen's body towards the end of the round, which brought a caution from referee Tommy Little to keep his punches higher.

Coming out for the 2nd round, Allen coming out of a crouch, shot a snappy right to O'Sullivan's jaw that made him wince, and a further left hook to Allen's body brought another caution from the referee. Allen kept picking his punches, and brought the claret from his rival's nose, and towards the end of the round another left hook from O'Sullivan landed in the prohibited area with a crack on something that was not flesh, and the referee without hesitation stepped between the boxers and ordered O'Sullivan to his corner—disqualified. It was a disappointing ending to what might have been a great battle of the little men.

The battle between Vince Hawkins, British middleweight champion, and Randolph Turpin of Leamington Spa, was a corker for anyone's money. Randy, the youngest of "the Fighting Turpins," put up a grand show of courage and punching power against Hawkins, who without a doubt was as game as they come, and it seemed that the fighting railway worker from Basingstoke would succumb to his younger rival, but with gameness personified he came back with two hands flaying to Turpin's body that had the Negro youngster hanging on. With this showing, Hawkins spurted with his close quarter work, looked as if he was going to wear Randolph down to a walk, but the latter had other ideas, for in the last two rounds of this 8 rounds bout, Turpin threw caution to the winds, and went in slugging it out with Hawkins. From all angles he threw punches, left hooks, right hooks, uppercuts, straight lefts, and then further left hooks, that had Hawkins in a sorry plight, but the gameness of Hawkins was of the highest order, never flinching for one moment, and always ready to get to close quarters to pummell on the Negro lad's body. When the last gong sounded it was two tired warriors that stood in the center of the ring with arm around each other in an embrace to stop each other from falling to the canvas. The decision in Turpin's favor was loudly cheered, and I doubt very much whether Hawkins knew what was going on around him after the decision had been given for he seemed all but out at the end of this thrilling middleweight contest.

A bout in contrast although just as thrilling, was that between Gwyn Williams, welterweight champion of Wales, and the young miner from Merthyr, Eddie Thomas, who were meeting over 10 rounds in an eliminating contest for the right to go forward in the series to meet Ernie Roderick for the latter's British title. As I stated, it was a thrilling contest with all the hard hitting that goes with two enthusiastic battlers, neither giving or asking any quarter. Thomas sustained a bad cut eye during the contest and this seemed to handicap him somewhat, but they fought on with renewed vigor after one had got the better of the other. When the referee raised the hand of Williams as the winner, it must have been by a narrow margin.

Al Phillips, Aldgate, figured in another disqualification winner when his opponent, Alvara Cerasini of Italy, was ruled out in the 6th round for an alleged low blow, after looking all over a winner. Big Frank Ronan, Fulham, seemed to be booked for certain defeat, when Jack Kukard, South Africa, hit him on the chin and had taken two long counts, but he rose to fight back gamely and scored a sensational K.O. in the sixth and last round, with a left hook on the South African's jaw.

Sooner or later the British Boxing Board of Control will have to give recognition to the Northampton welterweight, Jim Wellard, on his last twelve months' record, for what more can a man do but win in convincing style, and his latest win at the expense of middleweight Bob Cleaver of the Borough, who was knocked out in the 1st round at West Ham was proof enough that this welterweight should be included in any series for the welterweight title, the sooner the better.

Hal Bagwell, Gloucester, defeated Jackie Hughes, Wales, in the 6th round when the latter was forced to retire with a damaged eye, at Cheltenham. Ronnie Draper, Southampton, knocked out Johnny Kent, Covent Garden, in the 6th round.

Charlie Webster, Kentish Town, defeated Tommy Braddock, Shrewsbury, the latter retired in the second round at Kentish Town. Johnny Russell, Covent Garden, turned in a smart performance in scoring a K.O. victory over Ernie Stapleton, Wood Green, in the first round.

Bert Sanders, Paddington, and Ron Cooper, Wales, boxed 8 rounds to a draw at Leyton. Wally Downs, Wales, outpointed Harry Legge, Bournemouth, over 8 rounds.

Claude Dennington, Peckham, and George Daly, Blackfriars, fought an exciting bout over 8 rounds at Plumstead, and Referee Jack Hart could not part them at the end, and declared a draw.

Danny O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, boxed brilliantly during his 8 round bout with Amleto Falcinelli, Italy, at Poplar, and won on points, against a dangerous opponent. Joe Rood, Aldgate, looked all over a winner against Johnny Pitt, Blackpool, in their middleweight bout. Pitt was put down in the 1st round with a good right to the jaw, and on rising he swung a right to Rood's head that put the latter on the canvas for a long count. In the second round another right swing

put Rood down for a count and then he took further counts which ended in final knockout.

The much looked for bantamweight eliminator between Stan Rowan, Liverpool, 118, and Eddie "Bunty" Doran, Belfast, 117¾, took place at the Stadium, Liverpool, before a packed house, and at the end of a thrilling and exciting contest Rowan won on points over 10 rounds.

In the supporting bout over 8 rounds, the young Liverpool featherweight, Franky Kelly, 126¼, gained a meritorious points victory over Cliff Anderson, British Guiana, 127 pounds. Sammy Sullivan, Preston, the 17 year old welterweight, fought a draw with the experienced Welshman, Benny Price of Ammanford, over 6 rounds. Jimmy Green, Warrington, outpointed Chris Kelly, Liverpool, in a 6 round featherweight contest. Ray Fitton, Manchester, gained a points win over Billy Donnelly, Belfast, after 8 rounds of a featherweight contest.

"FROM DOWN UNDER"
By VINCENT C. DAVIS

AUSTRALIA—American Benny Evans, 147½, lost his first fight in this country on a foul for butting against Australian welterweight champion Tommy Burns, 148½, in the sixth round of their 12 round bout in Sydney. Evans did not appear to intentionally infringe against the butting rules. He went in head down and, being a taller man than Burns, when he straightened his head, came into contact with Burns' chin. Referee Joe Wallis, after quietly warning Evans several times, halted the fight in the fourth round and administered a stern and public rebuke to Evans to keep his head away from Burns. Evans complied with instructions in the fifth round but in the sixth after a glaring if unintentional butting, the referee disqualified Evans. Evans had handled Burns well until the end came.

Other 12 round bouts: Newcastle—Doug Brown, 168, stopped Col Parker, 164, in the sixth. Melbourne—Little Paras, 120, decisioned Mickey Francis, 119½. Brisbane—Taffy Hancock, 110, decisioned Mickey Hill, 115¾. Leichhardt—Ray Coleman, 123, decisioned Jackie Wilson, 130.

Australia—Although knocked down by Frankie Flannery, 129, for a count of five in round six of their 12 round bout in Melbourne, Eddie Miller, 127½, got up and won when the match was stopped in the tenth round because of an injury to Flannery's left hand. Miller had a nice lead on points at the finish, although the bout should bring confidence to Flannery which will count if they meet again.

Rex Murphy, 154, was lucky to get a draw from Ern Jarvis, 154, at Leichhardt. Jarvis dazed Murphy with a smart right in the fourth round and Murphy said afterwards that he was fighting "two Jarvis's" for a couple of rounds. However, smelling salts cleared his head and he fought well enough to clinch the 12 round draw.

Brisbane critics waxed eloquent over Queensland 118-pound champion, George Kennedy, 119, who knocked out Mickey Carr, 118¾, in five. They are hailing him as the best two-fisted puncher produced in the small fry for a long while in Brisbane.

In a 12 round bout at Newcastle, Owen Moase, 151, stopped Bill Burns, 153, in the 11th. An unusual happening occurred in round seven. Burns' glove broke and the bout was halted until a new glove had been provided for him. Moase, always the master as far as boxing went, had no trouble in winning.

In Sydney, Ken Wenman, 133, stopped Eric Macready, 129¾, in five rounds and Joe Crisafi, 124½, knocked out Doc Wallace, 126, in eleven.

Australia—Archie Kemp, 134¼, showed improved body punching technique in knocking out Leo Berry, 135½, in five rounds at Melbourne. Berry had been down for counts of eight and seven in round four from rights to the chin. Berry again went down in the fifth for nine from a left, then another left ended the affair.

Billy De Belin, 146½, outpointed Alfie Sands, 147, in 12 rounds at Leichhardt. It was the best bit of boxing De Belin has done in years. Sands tried his best to knock De Belin out, but his round arm swings were no real problem to the straight punching De Belin.

North Queensland Negro lightweight, Jack Hassen, 134¾, knocked out George Kapeen, 131, in five rounds in Brisbane, making his 16th win in 16 fights. Kapeen caught Hassen with a left hook in the second round and Hassen took a nine count. He fought back like a wildcat and applied the pressure in the fifth. After Kapeen had been felled for nine, he got up only to be knocked out for the full count.

After Al Peterson, 109, had put him down for a nine count in the opening round, Jimmy Hogg, 110, came back and outboxed him to take the victory on points in their 12 round bout at Leichhardt.

In Sydney, Clem Sands, 147½, punched his way aggressively to a points decision over Billy McLean, 148½, late of Scotland. Also in Sydney Billy Watson, 122½, outpointed Russ Woods, 120¾, in a closely fought 12 round bout.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By FELIPE J. C. GALANGE

TIRSO DEL ROSARIO, 125 pound title holder of the feathweight division of the Philippines, retained his crown by outpointing challenger David Kui Kong Young, 118¾ pounds, after 10 rounds of Jes Cortes' benefit show. Only David's ring experience saved him from the floor. Tirso received the championship belt donated by Gen. Hilario Camino Moncado.

Lightning Hupana, 130 pounder and protege of Gen. Moncado, had been knocked down six times in the first and once in the second. Referee Totoy Reyes stopped the one sided fight by Manuel Anduha, the sensational Puerto Rican. Baby Jackson, 113 pounds, drew with Tim Ramos, 115, of Las Pinas in 6. Ben Johnson, 113, outpointed Jose Mercado, 112, in 6. Clever Santos won over Rufe Miling in four. Eden Kid knocked out Metro in the first of another 4 rounder.

Kid Independence, 120 pounder, won over Frisco Mendiola, 121, at San Pablo Boxing Arena. Independence had a slight edge in the last three rounds of the ten-rounder by forcing Mendiola to backpedal with terrific body punches.

Lefty Cecilio and Johnny Jomawas, two bantams, drew in 8. Rush Dinoy and Baby Leyte drew in six. Fighting Linda, San Pablo flyweight, stopped Baby Dundee in the fourth. Tony del Rosario, Cavite, knocked out Frisco Mendoza in the first. Vic Valdez, lightweight, knocked out Big Boy Williams in 3. Little Magno outpointed Little Salvador in the opening.

Little Dundee, flyweight champion of the Philippines, knocked out Little Jamito of Lucena in the last round of their ten round bout which topped the inaugural fistic offering of the Golden Gloves promotion. Both boys mixed it up from the first round much to the delight of the crowd, but the flyweight champion weakened his opponent with telling blows in the closing rounds. Dundee kayoed Jamito in the last round with a terrific two-fisted attack.

Lefty Cecilio knocked out Baby Von Arven, Pampanga flyweight champion, in the 3rd round of their eight-round semi-windup.

Joe Allen and Gene Rubio drew in six. Little Samson was badly outpointed by Rush Dinoy in 4. Fighting Linda decisioned Baby Small Salvador in 4. Small Linda and Baby Dundee fought to a 4 round draw. Little Cowboy stopped Little Tony in the first of the opener.

Little Johnson, formerly known as Fighting Cornejo made a successful comeback when he won a popular 8-round decision from Fighting 69, veteran ring idol of Rizal City. His jabs left their marks on Fighting 69's battered face as Johnson won all the rounds.

In the 6-round semi final Bull Durante, the local Benguet cowboy, lost via the K.O. route to Boy Benny. Benny proved the master of the situation when in the initial round, he downed Durante three times. During the second canto Benny continued battering the cowboy and again floored him twice—after which the referee stopped it to save Durante from further punishment.

Baby Rosenberg drew with Prince Tut in the 4 round special attraction. Baby Gunga Din was outpointed by Speed Rago while Johnny Speed and Fred Rimas fought to a draw. George Dayrit knocked Power House Kid out in the last of their four round argument. Gingle Boy was kayoed by Black Zambo in the curtain raiser.

Charlie Miller, manager of David Kui Kong Young, had issued a challenge to Ted Lewin, Tirso del Rosario's manager, for a return bout for the benefit of the Philippine Red Cross with the understanding that Tirso was to make 124 pounds at weighing time. Miller further stated that he will donate his purse and training expenses for the Red Cross but the challenge remained unheeded up to the present.

The newly organized Philippine Boxing Commission is composed of Mr. Tirso Garcia, chairman, former all around athlete of the country; Mr. Jaime Vergara, businessman and a veteran boxing manager, and Mr. Manuel Villareal, veteran newspaperman, who went with the late Pancho Villa to the States to act as the correspondent for *La Vanguardia*.

HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS
By COLIN FAULKNER

JAMES B. ADSHADE, 133, Glace Bay, C. B., got the nod over Percy Paris, 132, New Glasgow, N. S., in the ten-round feature bout at the Armories in Halifax City. This victory decided that Kid Adshade will meet Richard Howard next for the Maritime lightweight championship.

Alvin Upshaw, 158, Halifax, T.K.O.'ed William Landry, 169, Moncton, in three rounds of the scheduled six-cantoed semi-final.

Bucky Harris, 143½, Halifax, T.K.O.'ed Blaine Hayden, 142, Springhill, in two rounds.

James Steeves, 130, Truro, floored Rocky Keating, 123, Halifax, in 1.40 of the last heat of the four round opener.

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Dick Howard, 132, Halifax, Maritime lightweight champion, won a unanimous decision over Vic Young, 133, Portland, Maine, over ten rounds at the Armories.

Sheldon Campbell, 144, Pictou Landing, N. S., outpointed the clowning Norman James, 143, Liverpool, England, in the six-session semi-final. Ossie Farrell, 161, Halifax, iced Robert Nunn, 157, Toronto, in 1.20 of the second canto of a scheduled four-round preliminary. Red Graham, 133, Dartmouth, N. S., chilled Skeeter Stevens, 133, Halifax, in 29 seconds of the first round of the opener.

University of New Brunswick leather pushers of Fredericton captured the 1948 Maritime intercollegiate boxing championship with a total of fourteen points at the Armories in Halifax City.

Saint Francis Xavier University of Antigonish, N. S., the defending champions, came second with eight points.

Dalhousie of Halifax won six points.

Nova Scotia Technical College got three.

Mount Allison of Sackville, N. B., scored zero.

SPOKANE NEWS
By DON C. SIGNS

JACK POWERS' new club has certainly given boxing in eastern Washington a shot in the arm as evidenced when he came through with the second consecutive sellout house. With Tiger Jack Fox of Spokane and Paul Doyle of Los Angeles, heavyweights, on top, the show grossed $6700 and about fifteen hundred people were turned away when the fire department closed the doors. Ticket sales were stopped forty-five minutes before the first preliminary when all available space had been sold. Fox came through with a knockout in 1:50 of the first round.

In the semi-windup Wilf "Tuffy" Desjardins, of Calgary, slugged his way from behind to a draw with Dean Abney of Salem, Oregon, and in a special event a newcomer here Benny Flake of Salt Lake City, Utah, knocked out Dick Abney of Salem in the third round.

Spokane needs more capacity to satisfy this fight-hungry town and with at least two big modern outdoor arenas in project, plus a move for a new civic auditorium prospects for Jack and his new club look very good indeed.

With this latest card the club moved over to Fridays and is going every other Friday.

Chuck Haines has leased the Al Morse Gymnasium at 425 West Main, a pugilistic landmark in Spokane.

Another new club in Washington, George Chemeer's, starts the boxing business rolling at Yakima.

Fight results from Spokane, Washington. An upset occurred when Joey Velez of Seattle defeated Spokane's pride, Joey Dolan, in ten rounds. Dolan was on the deck six times during the fight.

Wilf "Tuffy" Desjardins won a close decision over Dean Abney and in a rematch both boys battled it out to a draw.

Tiger Jack Fox knocked out Paul Doyle from California in 1:53 in the main go of the latest Seattle card.

DETROIT AND VICINITY FISTIC HEADLINES

By JACK WAINA

JOHNNY GRECO, 148½, pride of Montreal, found the going rough in his bout with Danny Boy Williams, 150, Detroit, and walked off with a split decision in their ten-round scrap at the Olympia Stadium before a crowd of 3,896 spectators, who paid a gross of $9,271. Greco sent Williams down for a nine count in the opening frame and staggered his opponent with a terrific left hook in the third frame. But Williams came on in the latter part of the bout having his foe in trouble in the eighth, from a flurry of blows. Although his adversary had height, weight and reach advantages, Greco managed to carry the votes of Referee Johnny Weber 53 points to 47 and Judge Lou Handler 51 to 49 at the end. In turn the Detroiter received the vote of Judge Peter Miller 51 to 49.

A ten-round semi-final brought together the class of the lightweights here in Michigan, Leroy Willis and Harold Jones. Squaring matters up for a previous defeat, Willis was declared winner by a split vote only after both battlers went all out. They each hit the canvas.

Charley (Petey) Smith, 137¼, Newark, returned to the local ring to pound out a decision over Joe Henderson, 138, Detroit, in 8 rounds.

Other prelims of four-rounds each: Cowie Taylor, 137, Detroit, received the nod over clowning Hugh Sublette, 134, Detroit; Van Kirk, 156, Bowling Green, Ohio, clinched his way to a draw with Chuck Simmons, 153, Detroit; and Berry Gordy, 124, Detroit, outscored Joe Wright, 125, Detroit.

Promoter Harry Harris was forced to call on Jimmy Guey, 158, Detroit, as a last minute replacement for Willie Watkins, who it was discovered had only 30 per cent vision. Guey took former state welterweight champion Willie Edmonds, 156, Grand Rapids, in hand by scoring a one sided four-round K.O. Edmonds was down four times before the fifth and final knockdown.

In the semi-final which was cut down from six rounds to four, K. O. Morgan, Jr., 122, Detroit, looked very good in taking the decision from Joe Wright, 126, Detroit.

Other bouts: Jimmy Roberts, 176, Detroit, came on with a late rally to decision Lloyd Michigan, 190, Detroit, in six; Ken Brown, 145, Detroit, showed promise in K.O.'ing Jack Martin, 139, Detroit, in four; and Sammy Frigon, 140, Windsor, outpunched Cocoa Kid, 140, Detroit, in four.

The turnout was 745 fans who composed the season's best house at the Fairview Gardens yet.

Willie Watkins, popular Detroit welterweight, has been found unfit to continue with his active boxing by boxing commissions of both Illinois and Michigan. Willie has lost 70 per cent of his eyesight. Sensational battles with Larry Ray, Charley Padalino, Sal Musa, Babe Saunders, Frankie Abrams, Gene Boland and Fist Devers, earned Watkins a rematch in each case.

Flint's sleek 138 pounder, Eddie Garland, returned to the Fairview Gardens to pound out a decision over Jimmy Nealy, 136, Detroit, in the feature eight-rounder. Nealy, who has just returned back home to the Motor City following a whirl out in California, was on the canvas for an eight-count in the fourth frame.

The six-round semi-final brought together Walt Evans, 150, Toledo, and Charley Rousel, 156, Detroit, with the former annexing his third straight win at the Gardens.

In three of the four scheduled four-rounders, draws were recorded. Joe Izzo, 160, Pittsburgh, with Harold Garrett, 160, Detroit; Sammy Frigon, 140, Windsor, paired with Jim Crum, 140, Detroit; and Henry Armstrong, 128, Windsor, versus Willie Bell, 126, Detroit; all ended up as such. Al Thompson, 135, Toledo, put blinkers on Ronnie Carroll, 135, Windsor, at 1:34 of the first round, in the remaining contest.

Three times state champion, Billy Eddy, Flint, made good in his first step of a comeback role when he received a ten-round decision over Floyd (Red) LeVasseur, Bay City, on the top of a card at Saginaw which drew 1,248 fans paying a gross of $1,938.26. It was a good scrap all the way with Eddy weighing in at 138 and LaVasseur 142.

Jay Watkins, Flint lightweight, continued his knockout spree when he iced Larry Moreland, Toledo, in the third frame of the semi-final. This was the 12th knockout in 14 bouts for the sensational Flint Negro. Moreland in a previous match had stayed the four-round distance against Jay.

Other bouts: Henry Armstrong, Windsor featherweight, put an end to his encounter with Willie Bell, Detroit, in the fourth, after he had fought a draw with the same mauler three days previous to this match; Danny Morgan, Cleveland, K.O.'ed Windsor's Ronnie Carroll, lightweight, in the opening issue; and Danny Boy Woods, Saginaw, beat Joe LaScala, Flint, in four.

Nick Londes presented four ten-round bouts with Gus Lesnevich, light-heavy champion, an added attraction in an exhibition. The card drew 5,633 spectators and grossed $11,549.58.

Tuning up for a match with featherweight champion Willie Pep, Leroy Willis, 135, was given a scare by Lou Casiano, 131, New York, but managed to receive a split decision. Casiano's close tactics worried the local lad, but as the fight grew older the boys settled down to long range.

Middleweight contender at 159 pounds, O'Neil Bell, Detroit, found Billy Brown, 163, Hartford, not to his liking and had to find satisfaction in a close decision. Brown proved a toughie for O'Neil.

Lee Sala, Pittsburgh's 160 pound KO artist, added George Brown, 160, New York, in the tenth round to his list of victims, when he connected with his sensational left hook, leaving Brown in no condition to finish the round.

In a badly made mismatch Art Swiden, 179, Pittsburgh, put on a chase after Willie Brown, 171, New York, who rode his way around the ring for ten rounds, losing all.

Continuing his success at the Fairview Gardens, Walter Evans, 148, Toledo, punched his way to his fourth straight victory with Johnny Craigmiles, 147, Detroit, on the losing end this time after eight rounds. Craigmiles left the ring with his left eye cut. The damage was done in the first round.

Red Grant, 134, Toledo, boxed his way to an early lead and then withstood a late rally by opponent Paul Davis, 132, Detroit, to gain the nod after six rounds.

In the four-rounders: Tommy Matthews, 133, Detroit, edged out Al Thompson, 134, Toledo; Billy Borne, 156, Detroit, outpunched Jesse Bradshaw, 155, Toledo; Aurie Gauthier, 158, Windsor, defeated Joe Izzo, 164, Pittsburgh, for the second time; and Danny Morgan, 140, Cleveland, made a punching bag out of Al Shelby, 140, Detroit, in the opener.

Jock Leslie, 130, Flint, and Dino Bleta, Canton, Ohio, 129, put on a hectic ten-round scrap before 5,000 fans who paid a gross of $7,000 for promoter Tommy Cussan's show at the Flint I.M.A. Leslie had Bleta down on the canvas in the second frame, but the latter got up to continue the action-packed match. Although cut above the eye in the seventh, Bleta fought back gamely and made a great scrap of it all the way.

Connecting with one of his devastating punches, Jay Watkins, Flint slugger, flattened Joe Tibbens, Detroit, in the second round.

Fox Brown, Flint welter, outscored Joe LaScala, Flint, in four; Angie Soave, hard punching Detroiter, iced Cocoa Ortez, Mexican featherweight, in less than two minutes; Mickey Young, Flint, upset Windsor feather Henry Armstrong, in four; and Bill Handlin, Flint southpaw, 160 pounder, put the sleeper on Martin Doyle, Detroit, in the fourth round.

Smooth working Detroit lightweight, Harold Jones, made a sensational hit with the Syracuse fans when he arose from a first-round knockdown to put on a beautiful display of boxing skill winning seven out of the ten rounds and the decision. The favorite, Stenhouse, had previously won 30 out of 31 bouts.

Chuck Spieser, highly-touted novice heavyweight, defended his CYO heavyweight championship when he knocked out Jerry Greiner in the second round in the finals. Manager Art Tracy is having trouble finding opponents for his fine looking young prospect and will turn Chuck pro if he can't get him on the Olympic team. The lad can punch.

Dewitt Dean, 159, Detroit, ran into a Tartar in Lou Hardman, 165, and eked out a disputed decision in the feature go of eight rounds on a Fairview Gardens show. Not a flashy fighter, Hardman managed to bottle his opponent enough to convince many that he deserved the decision. The verdict was deeply booed.

In the semi windup between Solly Sanchez, 134, Detroit, and Joey Monteiro, 129, Hartford, Conn., the former was declared winner after six action packed rounds.

Four rounders: Willie Hull, 145, Detroit, outpointed Woody Woods, 147, Akron, from close in; Tommy Matthews, 135, Detroit, put the sleeper on Frankie Clark, 141, Detroit, at 1:26 of the second outing; Kenny Brown, 145, Detroit, decisioned Cocoa Kid, 146, Detroit, and had the Kid on the canvas three times before the final bell; and Chuck Simmons, 153, crushed Willie Brown, 153, Detroit, to the canvas at 1:13 of the third.

At a special dinner the Catholic Youth Organization presented championship trophies to Jerome Migala, James Walsh, Jack Robbins, Tom Fitzgibbon, Tom Gemmell, Alex Renehan, Charles Fecay, Jr., Delbert Frizzell, Charlie Lynch, Charles Hoomaian, Rae Johnson, Calvin Howard, Tony Loretto, Guido DiManbro, Dominic Cipicchio, James Jean, Chuck Spieser, Ray Mizzi, Stanley Kursa, Dave Tyson, and Eddie Chiz. Leo Jones received the team trophy on behalf of his squad which piled up the largest total of team points (Gene Tunney Boys' Club). Jones, Art Tracy, and Johnny Duffy all received gold watches in recognition of long service to CYO boxing.

HERE AND THERE: Matchmakers are having a whale of a time in finding opponents for Jay Watkins, who just seems to hit too hard for the boys . . . . in a recent match, he knocked out Ernest Rowell with a right to the body and this boy Rowell is no softie . . . . Joe Wright, boxing photographer, has put on the padded mitts and is trying his wares in the squared circle instead of snapping the shutters . . . . Henry Armstrong, featherweight, may be just the fellow to put Windsor back on the fistic map . . . . Flint and Saginaw are holding bi-weekly shows and drawing well . . . . Vern Mitchell fighting in the East . . . . He scored a decision over Willie (Red) Applegate on the Savold-Buonvino undercard . . . . Eduardo Serratos, hard punching little Mexican featherweight, has left for a return to the home land . . . . Jackie Turner, crack Winnipeg 117 pounder, fought a crowd pleasing draw in ten rounds with Kenny Lindsay . . . . Stan Hartman, 126 pounder, from Van Wert, Ohio, now being booked by yours truly . . . . Stan has lost only three bouts out of sixteen in the pro game and is making rapid strides . . . . 8799 Homer Avenue, Detroit 9, Michigan.

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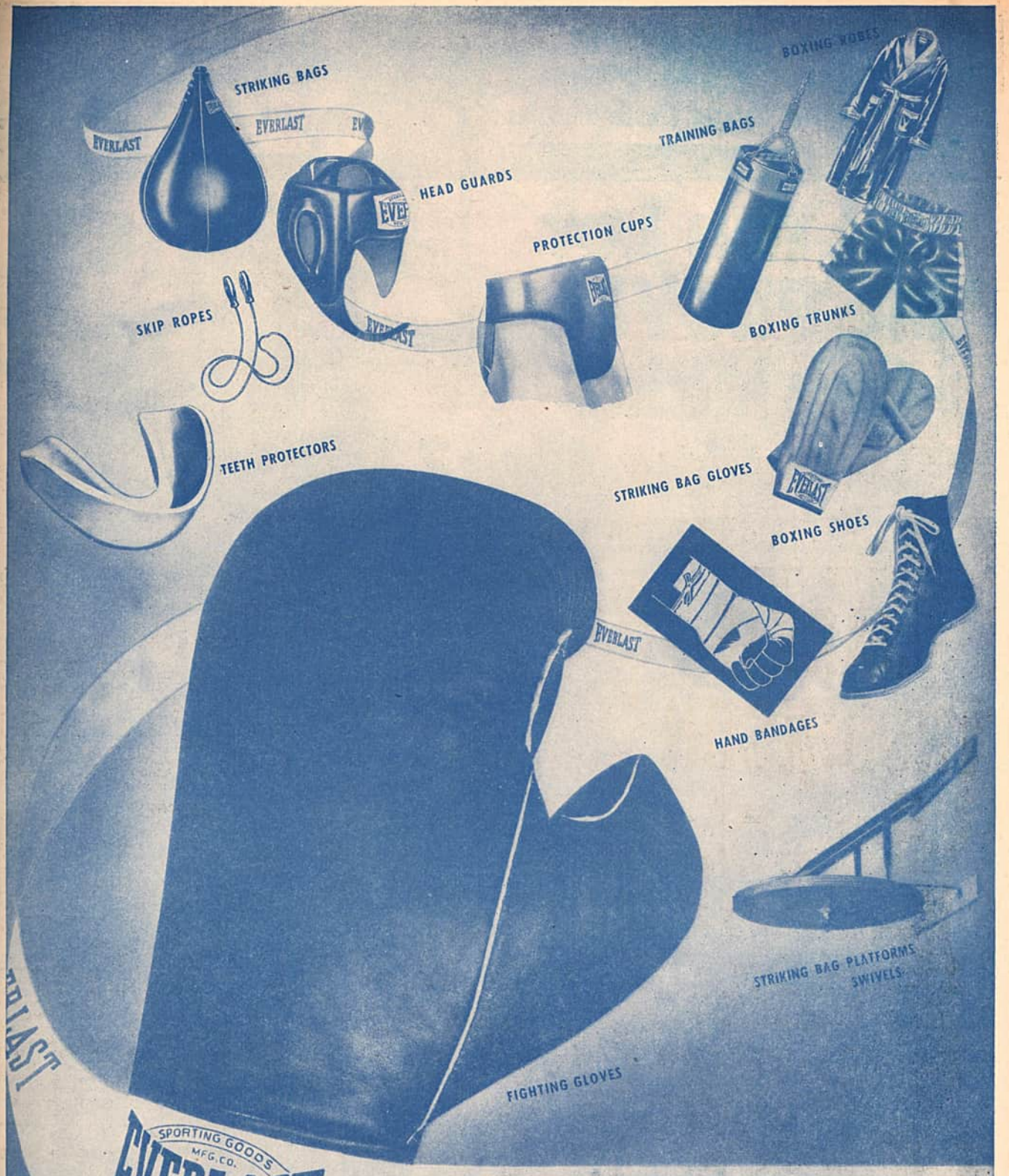
ADDITIONAL SPOKANE NEWS

JACK POWERS did it again April 2. A jammed armory, with several hundred turned away, saw Little Joe Velez again come through with a smashing three round knockout over Buddy Washington of Salt Lake City. In the semi-windup, Wilf Tuffy Desjardins chalked up a K.O. when he flattened Buddy Roberts in two heats. Wilf is ready for the big time as big time goes in this territory.

A new arena is almost assured as we go to press. It will have a capacity of around 10,000 and will enable Powers to bring some bigger names in boxing here. The town and territory is most certainly fight-minded now as evidenced by four consecutive sellouts.

Eddie Halligan, popular Spokane middleweight, journeyed to Missoula, Mont., and banged out a win in ten rounds over Spider McCallum in Missoula's first pro boxing show in recent years. They drew a capacity house and a dandy show got the new club off to a good start.



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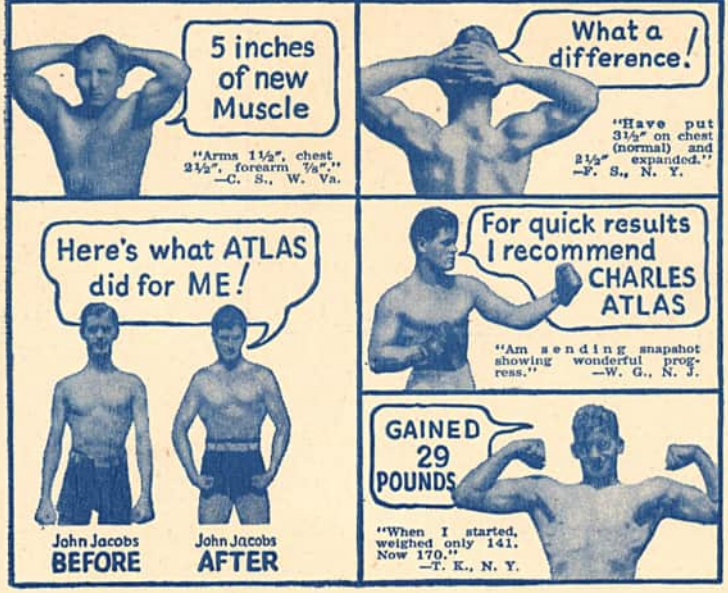

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